



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021, ON PAGE 238]

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE  
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2021. HAPPY NEW  
8 YEAR. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE  
9 CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I  
10 WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE  
11 YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR  
12 MITCHELL?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT, GOOD MORNING!

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** I'M HERE, GOOD MORNING.

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3    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING CHIEF  
4    EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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6    **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** PRESENT.

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8    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, ACTING COUNTY  
9    COUNSEL?

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11    **ATTORNEY:** I'M HERE.

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13    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
14    BOARD?

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16    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HERE.

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18    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
19    AGENDA, WE WILL BE TALKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING  
20    TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED  
21    OVER 1,900 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S PUBLIC MEETING  
22    AND, AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE  
23    AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION  
24    CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE  
25    TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THIS MEETING.

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1 DUE TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL  
2 NOT BE READING IN THE NAMES, HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL  
3 BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
4 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER,  
8 10:30AM. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ITEM S1 IS A  
9 DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AS  
10 REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL  
11 DISTRICT AGENDA, THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2D, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 17. ON PAGE  
14 5, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-25. ON  
15 ITEMS 2 AND 3, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS  
16 BE HELD. ON ITEM 7 AND 8, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THESE  
17 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM  
18 BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26TH, 2021. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR  
19 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR  
20 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR  
21 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO  
22 ITEM 2D. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE  
23 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26TH, 2021. ON ITEM 23 IS A  
24 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT FESIA DAVENPORT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
25 OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5TH,

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1 2021 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$494,741.26. ITEM 25 INCLUDES A  
2 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 21,  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 26-61. ON ITEM 33, THE ACTING  
4 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY  
5 26TH, 2021 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 36, THE  
6 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
7 MAY 18, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 50,  
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 40,  
9 THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH  
10 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 59B, SUPERVISOR  
12 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR  
13 CONTINUANCES OR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK THROUGH 59C ARE  
14 BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,  
17 SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE  
18 ORDER.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PAGE 41, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ON  
21 PAGE 42 SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 63-67, ITEM 63 IS A  
22 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA TO THE POSITION  
23 OF COUNTY COUNSEL AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$410,000 EFFECTIVE  
24 JANUARY 5TH, 2021. ITEM 64 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT  
25 ADOLFO GONZALES TO THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

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1 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$336,628 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5TH, 2021.  
2 ITEM 65 IS RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT EMILIO SALAS TO THE  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT  
4 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$265,094 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5TH, 2021.  
5 ITEM 66 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT RAFAEL CARBAJAL TO THE  
6 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AT AN  
7 ANNUAL SALARY OF 240,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5TH, 2021. ITEM 67  
8 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT WENDELYN JULIEN TO THE POSITION  
9 OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT  
10 ANNUAL SALARY OF \$227,660.16 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2021. ON  
11 PAGE 44, PUBLIC HEARING, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING,  
12 PAGE 45, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING  
13 OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE WE TAKE UP  
16 PUBLIC COMMENT, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT  
17 TITLE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
18 PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON  
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
22 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
23 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 68 IS A  
24 HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2019-004157 TO AUTHORIZE AN  
25 ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES AT



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1 AN EXISTING AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP LOCATED AT 31280 AND 31294  
2 THE OLD ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC WITHIN  
3 THE CASTAIC ZONE DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT  
4 WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS  
7 ALL AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE  
8 CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND  
9 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
10 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE  
13 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-  
14 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,  
15 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER  
16 1336503. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO  
17 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN, TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-  
18 8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
19 CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR  
20 NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE  
21 MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON  
22 TWO OR MORE ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WOULD WOULD LIKE TO  
23 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED  
24 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM UP TO THREE MINUTES PER  
25 PERSON FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF  
2 THE ITEMS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO  
3 SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE  
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN  
5 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME  
6 PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU  
7 MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS  
8 AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT  
9 TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE  
10 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT  
11 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC  
12 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR  
13 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE  
14 LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE,  
15 YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON  
16 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE  
17 VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE  
18 FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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20 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF  
21 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS  
22 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE  
23 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS RON GERSHAN,  
24 PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING  
25 THE GENERAL COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **RON GERSHAN:** MY NAME IS RON GERSHAN. I AM THE C.E.O. OF  
3 PACIFIC WEST HOME SOLUTIONS AND I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM  
4 NUMBER 68. WE REPRESENT THE LANDOWNER APPLICANT FOR THIS  
5 PROJECT, AND WE'D THANK STAFF FOR ALL THE HELP IN BRINGING THE  
6 PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE CONCUR WITH REGIONAL PLANNING  
7 DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO UPHOLD THE  
8 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS, AND  
9 WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK  
10 YOU.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JACQUELINE DUPONT WALKER,  
15 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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17 **JACQUELINE DUPONT WALKER:** GOOD MORNING, JACQUELINE DUPONT  
18 WALKER REPRESENTING WARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. WE  
19 SERVE BOTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2. I WANT TO THANK  
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND APPLAUD THE  
21 OTHER SUPERVISORS BECAUSE I BELIEVE, BECAUSE OF YOUR STRONG  
22 TRACK RECORD, THAT THIS IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME. THE  
23 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION, AND WE ARE A FAITH-BASED  
24 ORGANIZATION, HAS LONG MADE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW. WE HAVE NOT  
25 COMPLAINED. WE HAVE CONSTANTLY SAID WE WERE AVAILABLE, AND

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1    THANK GOD, YOU ARE HEARING US NOW. WE ARE SO HAPPY WITH THE  
2    POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A CONSULTANT WHO WILL BRING TOGETHER THE  
3    BEST INFORMATION OF WHAT THE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE  
4    DONE OVER THE DECADES IN THIS COUNTY. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT  
5    THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT CAME OUT OF THE ECONOMIC  
6    RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, WHERE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE  
7    THANKS TO YOU. THE MEMBERS OF THAT ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK  
8    FORCE SAID TO YOU, "WE ARE NOT GOING AWAY. WE WANT TO BE  
9    SUPPORTED." THIS IS ONE WAY TO GET THAT DONE. NOT ONLY WILL  
10   THE CONSULTANT HOPEFULLY MOVE QUICKLY AND ADEPTLY, BUT I  
11   PROMISE YOU THEY WILL HAVE THE VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF THE  
12   FAITH-BASED GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT IS EXTREMELY  
13   IMPORTANT THAT, AT THE END, IT IS SUSTAINED BY PROPOSAL TO  
14   HAVE A COMMISSION, A COMMISSION THAT WILL CRAFT A DREAM AND A  
15   VISION, AND WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TALKED  
16   ABOUT, END HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU AND, I URGE  
17   YOU TO SUPPORT 15, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AS  
18   STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS COUNTY TO SERVE WITH YOU, AND OUR PRAYERS  
19   CONTINUE FOR YOU AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU VERY  
20   MUCH.

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22   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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24   **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE DENNIS LAHERTY, PLEASE GO  
25   AHEAD.

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2 **DENNIS LAHERTY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DENNIS  
3 LAHERTY. I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE MAYOR OF LA HABRA  
4 HEIGHTS. I CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK SUPERVISOR  
5 HAHN FOR WRITING A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING THE  
6 U.S.N.S. COMFORT TO BE USED TO SUPPORT MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SHIP IS IN DRY  
8 DOCK, BUT THE COMFORT ALSO IS A SYMBOL OF THE NAVAL RESERVE  
9 FORCE. IT IS STAFFED BY NAVAL RESERVISTS. I WOULD CERTAINLY  
10 ASK SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE  
11 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO LOOK AT WAYS THAT RESERVISTS COULD BE  
12 CALLED UP TO AUGMENT THE CIVILIAN HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY.  
13 THERE ARE MANY RESERVISTS THAT ARE LINED UP TO SUPPORT IN TIME  
14 OF NATIONAL DISASTER OR MASS CASUALTIES. THIS IS CERTAINLY ONE  
15 OF THOSE TIMES WHEN THESE PEOPLE COULD BE USED, BUT IT DOES  
16 REQUIRE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND AGAIN I  
17 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK DURING THIS TERRIBLE PANDEMIC.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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21 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHAEL GREEN, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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23 **MICHAEL GREEN:** HI, YES, MICHAEL GREEN. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM  
24 59B AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES  
25 COMBINED. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, GOOD MORNING

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1 SUPERVISORS AND HONORABLE CHAIR SOLIS. I AM MICHAEL GREEN, THE  
2 REGIONAL COUNTY DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U.721. WE STAND IN SUPPORT  
3 OF THE MOTION OF ITEM 59B, HERO'S PAY FOR GROCERY WORKERS.  
4 THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, GROCERY WORKERS HAVE,  
5 INDEED, BEEN HEROES TO OUR COMMUNITY. THEY SHOULD BE SHOWN  
6 APPRECIATION FOR THE RISKS THEY HAVE TAKEN AND ESSENTIAL JOBS  
7 THEY HAVE PERFORMED UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES,  
8 BUT GROCERY WORKERS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONLY HEROES. TENS OF  
9 THOUSANDS OF YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES MAKE SACRIFICES EVERY DAY TO  
10 CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. HEALTHCARE  
11 WORKERS, PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS, SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS,  
12 DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS, AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS ARE TRULY  
13 THE SAFETY NET THAT HOLDS OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. IF THERE IS  
14 ANYONE WHO DESERVES HERO PAY, IT IS YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES. WE  
15 APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO SHOW  
16 APPRECIATION TO GROCERY WORKERS. YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES ARE  
17 EXPECTED NOTHING LESS. AS I MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND  
18 SEGUE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS  
19 CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A DEVASTATING SURGE IN COVID-19 RELATED  
20 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND I.C.U.S STRETCHED TO THE BREAKING POINT  
22 ARE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO RATION CARE. EMERGENCY ROOMS  
23 ARE OVERWHELMED AND HAVE BEEN FORCED TO TURN AWAY PATIENTS.  
24 NURSES ARE DOING AFTER CARE FOR TWICE TO 3 TIMES AS MANY  
25 PATIENTS AS NORMAL. THE LACK OF ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

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1 DOES NOT ALLOW PATIENTS TO BE EXPEDITIOUSLY PROCESSED AND  
2 ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL UNIT. AFTER DOING BATTLES FOR MONTHS  
3 ON THE FRONTLINE OF THIS CRISIS, HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ARE  
4 PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED. ADDITIONAL REGISTERED  
5 NURSES, LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES, AND TRAINED EXPERIENCE IN  
6 I.C.U. AS WELL AS RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS ARE  
7 DESPERATELY NEEDED TO PROVIDE --

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, THE TIME IS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
10 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF GINA VIOLA,  
13 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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15 **GINA VIOLA:** HI, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I AM CALLING  
16 IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTHY L.A. PLATFORM. THIS IS A COMMENT FOR  
17 ITEMS 2D, 7, AND 17, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

18 FIRST, WELCOME HOLLY MITCHELL, VERY EXCITED WE HAVE A NEW  
19 SUPERVISOR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT THIS ITERATION OF  
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL DO IN THE COMING YEAR. WITH  
21 EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED RENTAL ASSISTANT HAVE HELPED  
22 TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE  
23 HOUSEHOLDS, CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE  
24 ECONOMIC RECOVERY. AT SOME POINT, THE BILL FOR UNPAID RENT  
25 WILL BE DUE, AND LOW INCOME TENANTS, WHO ARE ALREADY SEVERELY

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1 RENT BURDENED AND STILL WITHOUT STEADY INCOME WILL NOT BE ABLE  
2 TO PAY IT BACK. THEY END UP HOMELESS OR STUCK IN A CYCLE DEBT  
3 FOR YEARS. WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION, THE COMMUNITIES WHO  
4 SACRIFICED MOST, SENIORS, THE UNDOCUMENTED, LOW INCOME  
5 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, WILL BE THE LEAST  
6 PROTECTED AND EXCLUDED FROM ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND THE MOST  
7 VULNERABLE TO EVICTION AND DEATH. WE ARE SEEING THIS DAILY  
8 THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THERE ARE JUST EVICTIONS ON THE HORIZON  
9 THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO GREAT MEASURES TO PROTECT  
10 THESE PEOPLE. CANCELING RENT WITH TARGETED LANDLORD RELIEF IS  
11 THE ONLY SCALED SOLUTION THAT WILL REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE.  
12 RENTAL ASSISTANCE BARELY TOUCHED EVERYONE WHO NEEDED RELIEF  
13 AND PROVED THAT BIG LANDLORDS DON'T CARE ABOUT PEOPLE AND ARE  
14 JUST MAKING PROFITS. STOP USING PUBLIC MONEY TO LINE THE  
15 POCKETS OF CORPORATIONS. THIS IS WHY WE CALL ON THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE HEALTHY L.A. PROPOSAL. NEW FEDERAL  
17 RENTAL RELIEF CREATES A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH  
18 COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAMS TO CANCEL RENT  
19 DEBT, SUSPEND RENT PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE TENANTS, AND  
20 STRENGTHEN MORTGAGE PROTECTIONS AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE  
21 LANDLORDS. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.  
22 WE NEED YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW, CANCEL THE RENT TO PROTECT  
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENSURE A JUST RECOVERY FOR OUR CITY. THANK  
24 YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NORMA LEVA, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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5 **NORMA LEVA:** MY NAME IS NORMA LEVA, AND I AM SPEAKING ON 59B. I  
6 AM A WORKER AT FOOD FOR LESS IN L.A. COUNTY. WHILE WORKING IN  
7 THIS PANDEMIC THAT IS GOING ON HAS BEEN VERY STRESSFUL, AND  
8 STILL IS, WITH LARGE CROWDS AND PEOPLE NOT WANTING TO FOLLOW  
9 THE GUIDELINES, HAS MADE IT VERY HARD FOR US. WE ARE RISKING  
10 OUR LIVES DOING THIS JOB. THE COMPANY HAS MADE RECORD SALES  
11 AND RECORD PROFITS. THE COMPANIES SHOULD SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE  
12 FOR THEIR WORKERS THAT ARE EXPOSING THEIR LIVES AND RISKING  
13 THEIR LIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES' LIVES EVERY DAY THEY COME TO  
14 WORK. THAT IS WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. ESSENTIAL WORKERS NEED  
15 ESSENTIAL PAY. WE NEED HAZARD PAY FOR ALL GROCERY WORKERS. OUR  
16 LIVES ARE ON THE LINE. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US, THE GROCERY  
17 WORKERS!

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF MAYRA MESAVA  
22 NOLAND, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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24 **MAYRA MESAVA NOLAND:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MAYRA NOLAND.  
25 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK, AND THANK YOU FOR, TOO,

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR RECOGNIZING THE  
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY. CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE  
3 LONG STANDING AND WILL CONTINUE. SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO  
4 PARTNERING MORE IN THE FUTURE. FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, I  
5 PASTORED AT LAKE AVENUE CHURCH IN PASADENA, DISTRICT 5, AND  
6 AFTER DECADES OF COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS  
7 IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING THE WAYS THAT CHURCHES TYPICALLY DO  
8 IT, LIKE PROVIDING MEALS, EMERGENCY WINTER CLOTHING, HYGIENE  
9 ITEMS, EVEN EMERGENCY SHELTER, WE BEGAN TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS  
10 THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO ASSET MAPPING SERVICES AND IDENTIFYING  
11 THE GAP. AT THAT TIME, IN 2012, WE BEGAN OUR HOMELESS  
12 PREVENTION PROGRAM, AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER \$2  
13 MILLION TO KEEP L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HOUSED. BY THE TIME  
14 MEASURE H PASSED, WE HAD 5 YEARS OF DATA COLLECTED AND HAD  
15 HELPED COUNTLESS FAMILIES BE HOUSED. WE HELPED PEOPLE LIKE  
16 MARIANA, WHO WAS SLEEPING IN A PARK WITH HER TODDLER AND 4-  
17 YEAR-OLD, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE COUNTLESS FAMILIES LIKE  
18 HER.

19  
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE  
21 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

22  
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF  
24 CAROLINE CHOI, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1   **CAROLINE CHOI:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS  
2   OF THE BOARD. I'M CAROLINE CHOI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF  
3   CORPORATE AFFAIRS AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. MY  
4   RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL  
5   COMMUNITIES. I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A FEW  
6   REMARKS ON THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER RELATED  
7   TO MITIGATING PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFFS, WHICH IS ITEM  
8   NUMBER 13. I KNOW YOU HAVE A BUSY AGENDA, SO I WILL BE QUICK.  
9   OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY  
10   WILDFIRES. WE RECOGNIZE HOW DEVASTATING THEY ARE. P.S.P.S. IS  
11   A TOOL THAT UTILITIES IN CALIFORNIA MUST OCCASIONALLY USE IN  
12   RESPONSE TO SEVERE WEATHER TO AVOID CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES. AT  
13   S.C.E., OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS THE SAFETY OF CUSTOMERS,  
14   EMPLOYEES, AND COMMUNITIES,   AND THAT IS WHY WE CONTINUE TO  
15   USE P.S.P.S. AS PART OF OUR WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION EFFORTS.  
16   WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT P.S.P.S. EVENTS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT  
17   OUR CUSTOMERS' DAILY LIVES AND CREATE INCREDIBLE HARDSHIPS TO  
18   OUR CUSTOMERS. THESE ARE FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES IN HIGH FIRE  
19   RISK AREAS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE BURDEN IS EVEN MORE  
20   CONSEQUENTIAL WITH SO MANY CUSTOMERS WORKING AND LEARNING FROM  
21   HOME. PLEASE KNOW WE DO NOT USE P.S.P.S. LIGHTLY. IF WE ARE  
22   FORCED TO SHUT OFF POWER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC, WE MAKE EVERY  
23   ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS IMPACTED AND THE  
24   LENGTH OF THE OUTAGE AND TURN POWER ON AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE  
25   TO DO SO. CLIMATE CHANGE IS INCREASING THE SEVERITY AND

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 DURATION OF THE FIRE SEASON WITH A GREATER FREQUENCY OF  
2 CATASTROPHIC FIRES ACROSS CALIFORNIA --

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, NEXT  
5 SPEAKER PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE DANNY DAMIAN,  
8 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

9

10 **DANNY DAMIAN:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AM DANNY  
11 DAMIAN. I'M CALLING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A COUNSEL  
12 MEMBER IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, AND I AM JUST CALLING TO  
13 EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH ORDERS AND TO THANK  
14 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT IN OUR POP UP TESTING  
15 HERE IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I JUST  
16 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF ROBERT  
21 NOTALPH, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

22

23 **ROBERT NOTALPH:** GOOD MORNING, HAPPY NEW YEAR, CHAIR SOLIS AND  
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ROBERT NOTALPH, POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE  
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK

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1 ON 59B, 59C, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE L.A. FED IS FULLY  
2 SUPPORTIVE OF ENACTING HERO PAY FOR FRONTLINE GROCERY WORKERS.  
3 SINCE DAY ONE OF THE PANDEMIC, GROCERY WORKERS HAVE SERVED AS  
4 ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THE PUBLIC, PUTTING THEIR PERSONAL  
5 LIVELIHOOD AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES AT RISK IN ORDER TO  
6 ENSURE THE PUBLIC IS ABLE TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL GROCERIES. TO  
7 UNDERSCORE THE SACRIFICE THAT GROCERY WORKERS HAVE MADE, THERE  
8 HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS OUTBREAKS AT GROCERY STORES THROUGHOUT THE  
9 REGION, WHICH HAS TAXED THE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OF GROCERY  
10 WORKERS, PUT FAMILIES IN HARM'S WAY, AND SADLY TAKEN THE LIVES  
11 OF SOME GROCERY EMPLOYEES. MEANWHILE, LARGE GROCERY CHAINS  
12 HAVE MADE RECORD PROFITS DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE SACRIFICES  
13 AND THE THREATS THAT GROCERY WORKERS FACE IS REAL, AND THE  
14 LEAST WE CAN DO IS HONOR THEM WITH PAY THAT SHOWS, BEYOND  
15 WORDS, THEY ARE, IN FACT, HEROES. SO LET'S SHOW THEM WE TRULY  
16 RECOGNIZE THEIR SACRIFICE BY FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF SUPERVISOR  
17 SOLIS AND VOTING YES ON ITEM 59B. ON EXTENDING SICK DAYS, THE  
18 CHOICE IS CLEAR. IT IS NOT ONLY THE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE THING  
19 TO DO, BUT NOW WITH THE SUPER SPREADER STRAIN OF THE VIRUS  
20 HERE IN CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING SICK DAYS IS CRUCIAL FOR SAVING  
21 LIVES AS OUR COUNTY'S IN THE FIGHT OF IT'S LIFE. WE NEED TO  
22 INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO STAY HOME WHEN THEY ARE FEELING ILL, OR  
23 ELSE WE RUN THE RISK OF CONTINUING THESE HEARTBREAKING RECORD  
24 SETTING TRENDS THAT ARE DEVASTATING FAMILIES HERE IN L.A.  
25 COUNTY. NOBODY SHOULD BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PUTTING FOOD

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1 ON THE TABLE OR COMING INTO WORK SICK DURING A PANDEMIC. SO WE  
2 MUST VOTE YES ON ITEM 59C. AND LASTLY, FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC  
3 COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR STEADY  
4 LEADERSHIP IN MAKING BOLD LIFE SAVING DECISIONS EVEN WHEN THEY  
5 PUT YOU AT ODDS WITH CERTAIN FACTIONS OF THE PUBLIC. IT IS AN  
6 UNENVIABLE SITUATION THAT YOU'RE IN, BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
7 STAY STRONG. AND ON THAT NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SPECIFICALLY  
8 COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LETTER TO H.H.S. ASKING FOR  
9 U.P.S. DRIVERS TO BE PRIORITIZED IN THE VACCINE ROLL OUT.  
10 THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 U.P.S. WORKERS WHO SERVICE L.A.  
11 COUNTY, AND THEY ARE PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE THAT  
12 PROTECTS L.A. RESIDENTS BY ALLOWING THEM TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL  
13 GOODS WHILE REMAINING AT HOME. FURTHER, U.P.S. WORKERS FULFILL  
14 A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE GOODS MOVEMENT INDUSTRY, WHICH IS AN  
15 ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC DRIVER THAT KEEPS PRODUCT MOVING DURING A  
16 TIME WHEN OUR ECONOMY IS DANGEROUSLY FRAGILE. ON AVERAGE, 8  
17 DIFFERENT WORKERS HANDLE A PACKAGE BEFORE IT ARRIVES AT ITS  
18 FINAL DESTINATION, SO GIVEN THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF U.P.S.  
19 WORKERS, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THEY SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN  
20 PHASE 1B OF THE VACCINATION ROLL OUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
23 PLEASE.

24



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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF MARIA NADA,  
2 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **MARIA NADA:** [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH].

5 TRANSLATOR: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WILL NOW INTERPRET THE  
6 SPEAKER'S COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARIA NADA. I  
7 LIVE IN AZUZA. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 7, RENT  
8 EVICTION. I HAVE LIVED THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY 9 YEARS, AND  
9 THE OWNER WOULD LIKE TO EVICT US DURING THIS PANDEMIC. MY  
10 HEALTH CONDITION IS QUITE POOR, AND IT HAS GOTTEN WORSE  
11 BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT HARASSMENT BY MY LANDLORD. A COUPLE OF  
12 DAYS AGO, MY LANDLORD SENT AN INVESTIGATOR TO MY HOUSE, AND  
13 THEY SHOWED UP WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFICATION OR A MASK. WE FEEL  
14 INTIMIDATED, AND WE WOULD LIKE SOME SUPPORT WITH ITEMS LIKE  
15 NUMBER 7 AND ITEMS FOR RENT EVICTION. THE OWNER PARKS HER CAR  
16 AT A HOUSE AND IS LOOKING AT ME DURING THE -- PARKS HER CAR  
17 AND LOOKS AT US IN AN INTIMIDATING WAY. PLEASE HELP US. THANK  
18 YOU.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF AMY  
23 TANNENBAUM, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **AMY TANNENBAUM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AMY TANNENBAUM, AND I  
2 AM AN EVICTION DEFENSE ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNSEL CALLING IN  
3 SUPPORT OF ITEM 7. AS L.A. CONTINUES TO BE THE EPICENTER OF  
4 THE COVID PANDEMIC, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT AN EVICTION CAN BE  
5 A DEATH SENTENCE, AND EVICTIONS DON'T JUST HAPPEN THROUGH THE  
6 FORMAL COURT PROCESS. MANY TENANTS ARE PUSHED OUT BY UNLAWFUL  
7 LANDLORD HARASSMENT. MY OFFICE HAS SEEN AN ENORMOUS UP TICK IN  
8 ILLEGAL CONDUCT BY LANDLORDS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF MY CLIENTS  
9 LOST CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THE LANDLORD CALLED CHILD  
10 PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE UNIT WAS DEEMED UNINHABITABLE DUE  
11 TO THE LANDLORD'S NEGLECT. THE CLIENT WAS LATER ILLEGALLY  
12 LOCKED OUT OF HER APARTMENT AND CURRENTLY LIVES IN HER CAR.  
13 ANOTHER TENANT WAS BEATEN BY L.A. POLICE OFFICERS WHEN THEIR  
14 LANDLORD ALLEGED THE TENANT WAS TRESPASSING ON THE PROPERTY  
15 SHE WAS LEGALLY RENTING. AND WEEKLY, I HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF  
16 TENANTS' UNIONS ABOUT HOW THEIR LANDLORDS SEND THEM NOTICE  
17 AFTER NOTICE TO ENTER THEIR APARTMENTS FOR NONESSENTIAL  
18 REASONS, AND THEY ARE INTIMIDATED INTO LETTING THEM IN.  
19 TENANTS NEED STRONGER PROTECTIONS AND FUNDING TO ENFORCE THEIR  
20 RIGHTS. HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT, AND LANDLORD'S HUNGER FOR  
21 PROFIT CANNOT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANGELENOS' NEED FOR STABLE  
22 SHELTER DURING THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF BRENDA  
2 CAMPOS, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **BRENDA CAMPOS:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

7

8 **BRENDA CAMPOS:** [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH].

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, CAN WE HAVE THE SPANISH  
11 TRANSLATION NOW?

12

13 **TRANSLATOR:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BRENDA CAMPOS. I  
14 AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF NUMBER 7. I HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY THE  
15 MANAGER/LANDLORD. I DO PAY RENT AND LOTS OF TIMES. HOWEVER,  
16 THEY STILL DON'T RESPECT THE LAWS OF THE COUNTY. I PAY MY  
17 RENT, ALTHOUGH IT SOMETIMES IS A BIT LATE, BUT THEY HARASS ME  
18 OVER THE PHONE. PLEASE HELP THE RENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY WITH  
19 ITEM NUMBER 7.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** AND, AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO  
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD, YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS  
25 TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE

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1 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT QUESTION WILL COME FROM THE  
2 LINE CHRIS PIMENTEL, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **CHRIS PIMENTEL:** GOOD MORNING BOARD, THIS IS CHRIS PIMENTEL,  
5 THE MAYOR PRO TEM OF EL SEGUNDO. GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL.  
6 WELCOME, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO THE BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO  
7 ECHO MY COLLEAGUE FROM LA HABRA'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE U.S.  
8 NAVAL SHIP AND THEIR STAFF SUPPORTING THE COUNTY DURING THE  
9 PANDEMIC. WE UNDERSTAND ALL THE SUCCESS THE COMFORT HAD  
10 SUPPORTING MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN DURING THE PANDEMIC IN NEW  
11 YORK, AND WE WOULD SEE IMMENSE BENEFIT FROM THE STAFF OF THE  
12 MERCY, WHILE DRY DOCKED, BEING DISPATCHED AS WELL AS THE SHIP  
13 ITSELF, THE COMFORT COMING FROM THE EAST COAST VIA THE PANAMA  
14 CANAL TO SUPPORT LOS ANGELES DURING IN THIS TIME. WE URGE YOU-  
15 TO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION TO PETITION THE GOVERNOR TO USE ALL  
16 OF HIS ABILITIES TO PETITION THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
17 DISPATCH THAT. AND LASTLY, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN  
18 FOR THE EFFORTS SHE HAS MADE IN THAT REGARD. SO THE VERY SHORT  
19 VERSION, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, CONSIDER A READ-IN MOTION TO  
20 PETITION THE GOVERNOR FOR THOSE. WE SEE IMMENSE BENEFIT, AS  
21 HAS OUR FULL TIME DISASTER PLANNING STAFF, IN THE COMFORT  
22 COMING AS WELL AS THE STAFF FROM THE MERCY, WHILE DRY-DOCKED.  
23 THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF RICHIE  
3 SARGENCHO, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4

5 **RICHIE SARGENCHO:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

8

9 **RICHIE SARGENCHO:** HI, YES, I WANTED TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 2D, 7,  
10 17, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE GO AHEAD.

13

14 **RICHIE SARGENCHO:** YES. SO, WELCOME BACK, IT'S ANOTHER YEAR. IT  
15 HAS BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE LAST MARCH WHEN THE CORONAVIRUS HIT  
16 LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA. AND WE HAVE BEEN -- ANGELENOS HAVE  
17 BEEN STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT FOR THE ENTIRE TIME, FOR NINE  
18 MONTHS. AND IT IS NOW JANUARY 2021. AND THERE ARE THINGS THAT  
19 NEED TO HAPPEN, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, EXPEDITIOUSLY, BEFORE  
20 PEOPLE, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE OUT  
21 ON THE STREETS. THERE ARE ALREADY MORE THAN 60,000 UNHOUSED  
22 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES. IF WE DO NOT CANCEL RENT RIGHT NOW,  
23 I PERSONALLY HAVE 5 MONTHS OF BACK RENT DUE TO MY LANDLORD,  
24 AND I DON'T KNOW IF I AM EVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO PAY THAT  
25 BACK. I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS' EFFORT IN SUPPORTING

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1 HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, AND NO  
2 FAULT OF THEIR OWN, DURING THESE ECONOMIC SHUTDOWNS, BUT THIS  
3 EVICTION CRISIS IS GOING TO MAKE THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE IN  
4 L.A. COUNTY EVEN WORSE. I SUPPORT ITEM 7 AND ASK THAT YOU  
5 EXTEND PROTECTIONS UNTIL THE END OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY  
6 WITH STRONGER ANTI-HARASSMENT MEASURES. STATES WHO HAVE LOOKED  
7 TO THE EVICTION PROTECTIONS ARE INCREASED -- EXPERIENCING  
8 INCREASING RATES OF INFECTION AND DEATH. AND WITH L.A.  
9 COUNTY'S NUMBERS THE HIGHEST THEY HAVE EVER BEEN, YOU MUST DO  
10 EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED AND HEALTHY. 1  
11 IN EVERY 5 ANGELENOS ARE CURRENTLY TESTING POSITIVE FOR  
12 CORONAVIRUS. THIS NEEDS URGENT ACTION.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON  
15 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

16

17 **RICHIE SARGENCHO:** ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU. SO WHILE EVICTION  
18 PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED RENTAL ASSISTANCE HAS HELPED  
19 TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO STABILIZE  
20 HOUSEHOLDS, CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, OR FACILITATE  
21 ECONOMIC RECOVERY. AT SOME POINT, THE BILL FOR UNPAID RENT  
22 WILL BE DUE. LOW INCOME TENANTS WHO ARE ALREADY SEVERELY RENT  
23 BURDENED, LIKE MYSELF, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY IT BACK.  
24 CANCELING RENT WITH TARGETED LANDLORD RELIEF IS THE ONLY  
25 SCALED SOLUTION THAT WILL REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE. I AM



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1 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTHY L.A. PROPOSAL. FEDERAL RENT  
2 RELIEF CREATES A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH A  
3 COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM, CANCEL RENT DEBT, AND  
4 SUSPEND RENT PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE TENANTS, STRENGTHEN  
5 MORTGAGE PROTECTION, AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE LAND LORDS. WE  
6 NEED URGENT ACTION RIGHT NOW TO HANDLE THE CRISIS IN LOS  
7 ANGELES. AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS BOARD STEPPING OFF -  
8 -

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE  
11 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF LISA WILLIAMS,  
14 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

15

16 **LISA WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA 15 AND  
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
18 MITCHELL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN RECOGNIZING THE  
19 FAITH COMMUNITY HAS A ROLE IN SOLVING OUR REGION'S HOMELESS  
20 CRISIS. I'M LISA WILLIAMS, THE PASTOR AT SAN PEDRO UNITED  
21 METHODIST CHURCH. AND IN 2019, SUPERVISOR HAHN RECOGNIZED ME  
22 AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR MY LEADERSHIP AND WORK WITH THE  
23 UNHOUSED. OUR CHURCH IS PIONEERING A WAY FORWARD BY UTILIZING  
24 OUR EMPTY LOTS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
25 HOUSING. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A UNIQUE ABILITY TO

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1 QUICKLY DEPLOY WHERE NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN COVID HIT, WE  
2 REALIZED THAT OUR UNHOUSED DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD ON THE  
3 WEEKENDS, SO WITH THE HELP OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND THE  
4 FAITH COMMUNITY, EVERY SATURDAY SINCE COVID BEGAN, OUR  
5 NEIGHBORS RECEIVE A LUNCH AND PERSONAL CHECK IN AT A LOCAL  
6 ENCAMPMENT. THE PERSONAL CHECK IN IS IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY FOR  
7 THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT IT IS USED TO HELP OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS  
8 KNOW WHERE AND HOW THEIR CLIENTS ARE DOING. BUILDING  
9 TRUSTWORTHY RELATIONSHIPS, COLLABORATING, AND UTILIZING ONE OF  
10 OUR BEST ASSETS, PROPERTY, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE  
11 BETTER UTILIZED TO HELP SOLVE THIS CRISIS --

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON  
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **LISA WILLIAMS:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE  
17 SUPPORT THE MEASURE, AGENDA 15, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
18 HAHN FOR SENDING THE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING TO BRING  
19 THE MEDICAL STAFF AND THE U.S.N.S. MERCY TO HELP ALL OF THE  
20 COUNTY HOSPITALS. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I HAVE BEEN CALLED  
21 ON TO HELP WITH PASTORAL CARE ON ETHICS COMMITTEES IN  
22 HOSPITALS AS THEY MUST MAKE DECISIONS ON WHO RECEIVES CARE AND  
23 WHO WILL NOT, AND THIS IS NOT A DECISION THAT ANY HEALTHCARE  
24 WORKER OR PASTOR SHOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED UPON. THANK YOU  
25 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CALLING THE

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1 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY  
2 THROUGH THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE ALMATY GIL, PLEASE GO  
7 AHEAD.

8

9 **ALMATY GIL:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA NUMBER 59B AS  
10 WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD  
11 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALMATY GIL, AND I AM THE DIRECTOR  
12 OF GROCERY AND RETAIL PROJECTS AT THE L.A. ALLIANCE FOR A NEW  
13 ECONOMY, L.A.N.E. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF L.A.N.E. TO  
14 EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM -- DROP IN AUDIO.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ALMATY GIL:** OH, HI, THIS IS ALMATY GIL. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK  
19 ON AGENDA ITEM 59B AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD  
20 MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALMATY  
21 GIL. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE GROCERY AND RETAIL PROJECT AT THE  
22 L.A. ALLIANCE FOR NEW ECONOMY, L.A.N.E. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF  
23 OF L.A.N.E. TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR AGENDA 59B, THE  
24 PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE \$5 HERO PAY FOR FRONTLINE  
25 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE ALSO A

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1 MEMBER OF THE FAIR WORK WEEK L.A. COALITION, WHICH IS COMPOSED  
2 OF OVER 30 COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
3 JUSTICE ADVOCATES, CLERGY, WORK RIGHTS GROUPS, AS WELL AS  
4 GROCERY AND RETAIL WORKERS FROM THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY.  
5 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS ARE THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THIS  
6 PANDEMIC AND HAVE BEEN RISKING THEIR LIVES AND BEEN ON THE  
7 FRONT LINES FOR MONTHS PROVIDING A LIFELINE TO THEIR  
8 COMMUNITIES. MANY GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS HAVE BECOME  
9 THE PRIMARY EARNERS IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD, AS FAMILIES STRUGGLE  
10 UNDER THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF COVID-19 AND WIDESPREAD  
11 UNEMPLOYMENT. WORKING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY  
12 FAMILIES OF COLOR, HAVE ALSO NOT BEEN ABLE TO SHELTER IN PLACE  
13 THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO HOLD  
14 ESSENTIAL JOBS AND THUS FACE INCREASED EXPOSURE TO COVID. AS  
15 COVID-19 CASES SOAR --

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO  
18 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

19

20 **ALMATY GIL:** THANK YOU. AS COVID-19 CASES SOAR AND INTENSIVE  
21 CARE UNIT CAPACITY REACHES A BREAKING POINT IN L.A. COUNTY,  
22 GROCERY STORE AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS CONTINUE TO FACE THE  
23 RISK OF INFECTION AND ENDURE HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITIONS.  
24 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS DESERVE HERO PAY. THIS IS A  
25 RIGHT POLICY FOR THIS UNPRECEDENTED MOMENT. I URGE YOU ALL TO

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1 VOTE YES ON ITEM 59B L.A. COUNTY MUST LEAD IN FIGHTING FOR THE  
2 RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF WORKING PEOPLE. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO  
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, CHAIR HILDA SOLIS AND  
4 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE YOUR  
5 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN,  
10 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. I  
13 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON SEVERAL ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
14 COMMENT.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO, I WAS -- FIRST OF ALL, IT  
19 WAS VERY NICE TO HEAR FROM S.E.I.U. AND FROM L.A.N.E. AND FROM  
20 SOME OF THE GROUPS -- AND I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE FAIR  
21 WORK WEEK ETHOS AND IDEA, WHICH IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WORKERS FOR  
22 THOSE LARGE BOX STORES SHOULD BE PROVIDED CONDITIONS AND  
23 INFORMATION AND WORK CONDITIONS THAT ARE REASONABLE AND  
24 APPROPRIATE. WE TRIED TO PUSH IT RIGHT THROUGH OUR LITTLE  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN STUDIO CITY, BUT BARRY JOHNSON AND

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1 RANDALL FREED KILLED IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THE IDEA IT  
2 MIGHT BE AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESS, WHEN IT DOESN'T CLEARLY  
3 AFFECT SMALL BUSINESSES. IT IS FOR LARGE GROUPS THAT HAVE OVER  
4 10 EMPLOYEES, ETC., ETC. BUT I APPRECIATE REACHING IN THE  
5 DIRECTION OF TRYING TO DO SOMETHING FOR HERO WORKERS. WHEN  
6 MICHAEL GREEN MADE THE POINT THAT ALL OF THE COUNTY SHOULD BE  
7 PROVIDED HERO PAY, I WINCED A TEENY BIT BECAUSE I KNOW THE  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN KIND OF TAKING MORE  
9 TIME AT HOME, ALONE, AND SHORTENING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND MAKING  
10 IT HARDER AND HARDER TO ADDRESS THE ITEMS, LIKE THE ONES I AM  
11 ABOUT TO ADDRESS. YOU KNOW, THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING HAS  
12 INCREASED UP TO \$330,000, THE SUM FOR WHICH AN ORDER CAN BE  
13 PLACED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF ANY KIND, EXCEPT FOR AT THE  
14 INTERNAL PUBLIC WORKS OR PARKS AND REC, WHOEVER HAS THE JOCK,  
15 WHICH FOR THE RECORD IS BASICALLY A \$5 MILLION CREDIT CARD TO  
16 TAKE CARE OF WORK. THEY ARE EFFICIENT, BUT THEY ALLOW FOR  
17 PROBLEMS. WE HAVE SEEN THOSE PROBLEMS. THEY WERE WRITTEN ABOUT  
18 IN THE LOS ANGELES -- THE LONG BEACH PAPER, BUT THE L.A. TIMES  
19 WAS NOT ABLE TO GET THERE FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. I WANT TO  
20 THANK ALSO THIS IDEA OF AN AN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION  
21 INCUBATION ACADEMY. I RESPECT THE IDEA OF POINTING AT OUR  
22 TRUSTED GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS -  
23 -  
24



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1    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON  
2    GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4    **ERIC PREVEN:** SURE. AND THE IDEA OF FURTHER INVOLVING THEM AND  
5    HELPING, YOU KNOW, THOSE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IS  
6    GREAT, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD, YOU KNOW, SET UP A  
7    SITUATION WHERE ONE SET OF VOICES, WHETHER THEY BE CONTROLLED  
8    BY ANOTHER, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR OR ANOTHER TAKES THE -- RULES  
9    THE DAY. IT IS JUST NOT APPROPRIATE, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A  
10    CLEAR LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT FOUGHT  
11    HARD TO GET BETTER APPROACH TO THE JAIL IDEA, WHICH IS LESS  
12    INCARCERATION, IF ANY, ONLY WHERE NEEDED, SHOULD STAND WITH  
13    THE REST OF US AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
14    HAVE TO MEET MORE THAN ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS, AND RODRIGO  
15    CASTRO-SILVA IS IN CONFLICT. THIS GUY SHOULD NOT BE THE COUNTY  
16    COUNSEL. HE'S THE GUY WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING THEIR LEGAL  
17    BATTLES RIGHT AT THEIR NOSE, WHICH IS NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE --  
18    WE WANT LESS FIGHTING WITH THE SHERIFF, MORE COLLABORATIVE  
19    PUBLIC SAFETY. AND I JUST CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH HOW --

20

21    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT  
22    SPEAKER PLEASE.

23

24    **SPEAKER:** OUR SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF RENE TRAVINO, PLEASE  
25    GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **RENE TREVINO:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RENE TREVINO. I AM THE MAYOR FOR THE  
4 GREAT CITY OF ARTESIA, AND I WANTED TO ECHO A COUPLE OF MY  
5 COLLEAGUES COMMENTS FROM EARLIER TODAY. I WANT TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER RECENT LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING  
7 HIM TO BRING IN MORE MEDICAL STAFF AND THE HEALTHCARE STAFF  
8 FROM THE U.S.N.S. MERCY TO HELP OUR CURRENT L.A. COUNTY  
9 HOSPITALS. THIS IS A TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT WE NEED. THIS  
10 THINKING OUT OF THE BOX IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT IN  
11 OUR CURRENT PANDEMIC, WHICH IS OVERWHELMING OUR CURRENT  
12 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE  
13 OVERWHELMED, AND WE NEED ALL THE HELP THAT THEY CAN GET. I  
14 WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR CALLING ON THE STATE AND  
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT L.A. COUNTY THROUGH THE CRISIS.  
16 THEY HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH, AND I CONTINUE TO APPLAUD YOUR  
17 EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND THAT THEY  
18 ARE ACCESSED FOR ALL OF THE RESOURCES POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR  
19 ALL OF YOU DO FOR OUR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO ALL OF  
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
21 SUPPORT.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE PASTOR SAM COE,  
2 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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4 **PASTOR SAM COE:** HI, I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON MOTION 15 IN  
5 PARTNERSHIP WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO COMBAT  
6 HOMELESSNESS AND GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS  
7 PASTOR SAM COE, REPRESENTING HILLSIDE L.A. CHURCH. THANK YOU,  
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR HEARTENED  
9 DEDICATION TO SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THANK  
10 YOU FOR OPENNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER WITH FAITH-BASED  
11 ORGANIZATIONS TO ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE  
12 BEEN SERVING AS ONE OF THE PASTORS HERE AT HILLSIDE L.A. IN  
13 NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES IN THE COMMUNITY OF EL SERENO IN A  
14 MULTI-ETHNIC MULTI-SOCIOECONOMIC CHURCH THAT CATERS TO A HIGH  
15 RISK AND VULNERABLE POPULATION, SPECIFICALLY THOSE  
16 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NORTHEAST L.A. OUR CHURCH,  
17 HILLSIDE L.A., PROVIDES NOT ONLY SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT TO  
18 THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO PROVIDES SHOWERS, MEALS,  
19 JOBS, AND RECENTLY, WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP, WE HAD A FOOD GIVE  
20 AWAY HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS REMEMBER THAT, BUT WE HAVE  
21 A FOOD GIVE AWAY HERE IN OUR HUGE PARKING LOT, AND WE FED  
22 HUNDREDS AND EVEN THOUSANDS OF FOLKS TO --

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE  
25 THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF  
3 IRENE MOOR, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

4

5 **STACY DOSSEN STERNS:** YES, HI. ACTUALLY, THIS IS STACY DOSSEN  
6 STERNS. AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE. I WISH TO GIVE  
7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTHY  
8 L.A. PLATFORM, ITEM 7. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR MEETING  
9 TODAY. I WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR THE L.A. COUNTY CITY  
10 COUNCIL, BUT PRESIDENT NURY MARTINEZ IS NEGLIGENT. I HOPE OUR  
11 VACATIONING C.M.S ARE LISTENING TODAY. WHAT LEVEL OF TRAGEDY  
12 DO WE NEED TO HIT BEFORE OUR ELECTED SUMMON AND CONSOLIDATE  
13 THEIR POWER TO ENACT STATE OF EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS THAT MATCH  
14 THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION? LOS ANGELES IS BEING CONSUMED  
15 BY COVID-19 AND THE FALL-OUT THAT OCCURS FROM GROSS  
16 MISMANAGEMENT AND INEXCUSABLE IRRESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF  
17 MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI AND ALL OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
18 INCLUDING THIS BODY, WHICH CONTINUES TO ENACT HALF MEASURES  
19 RATHER THAN MAKING COMPREHENSIVE MOTIONS TO HALT THE SPREAD OF  
20 THE VIRUS AND PROTECT ANGELENOS. THERE ARE NO HALF MEASURES  
21 LEFT TO TAKE, Y'ALL. RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS ARE NOT ENOUGH. LOOK  
22 TO THE INTERNATIONAL MODELS OF SUCCESS AND EMULATE THEM.  
23 CANCEL RENT AND MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, SQUEEZE YOUR BUDGET AND  
24 FIND RELIEF FOR US. IT IS TIME FOR BANKS, AND CORPORATIONS,  
25 AND, YES, EVEN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO TAKE THE HIT INSTEAD OF

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1 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DEVASTATION ON  
2 ALL FRONTS THAT WON'T END WHEN THE PANDEMIC DOES. OUR SCHOOLS  
3 HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR ALMOST A YEAR, BUT MALLS ARE OPEN.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON  
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **STACY DOSSEN STERNS:** THANK YOU. CLOSE THE STORES, PROVIDE  
9 RELIEF TO BUSINESSES AND WORKERS SO THEY CAN STAY HOME, APPLY  
10 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, SEIZE THE HOTELS AND PROVIDE SHELTER FOR  
11 OUR UNHOUSED ANGELENOS, WHO THE CITY AND COUNTY ALLOWED TO BE  
12 ABSOLUTELY RAIDED BY SUPER SPREADERS OVER NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND.  
13 IT IS INEXCUSABLE. ALSO, LET'S KEEP PUSHING OUT, LET'S OUST  
14 VILLANUEVA. IT IS THE L.A.S.D. WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE  
15 VIOLENCE OF LANDLORDS WHO ARE EVICTING PEOPLE IN THE PANDEMIC.  
16 PLEASE, I URGE YOU, FIND THE POWER, USE YOUR POWER. WE CANNOT  
17 STAND TO DO THIS ANY LONGER. EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT YOU. WE  
18 ARE LITERALLY THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE ON THE PLANET. FIGURE  
19 IT OUT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I YIELD MY TIME.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. MAY WE  
22 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** YES, I'M SORRY. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS THE LINE OF  
25 ZENA BADI, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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2   **ZENA BADI:** HI, MY NAME ZENA BADI. I AM A CONSTITUENT IN  
3   DISTRICT ONE. THIS IS A COMMENT FOR ITEMS 7, 17, AND GENERAL  
4   PUBLIC COMMENT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS TRYING TO  
5   SUPPORT RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS DURING THE PANDEMIC. I SUPPORT  
6   ITEM 7 AND ALSO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO GO BEYOND JUST  
7   EVICTON MORATORIUMS AND IMPLEMENT ANTI-HARASSMENT MEASURES  
8   AND UPHOLD RENT CANCELLATION FOR TENANTS, SO THAT THEY DON'T  
9   OWE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN BACK PAY ONCE THE  
10   MORATORIUM HAS LIFTED. IF TENANTS DON'T HAVE ONE MONTH'S RENT  
11   NOW, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE A YEAR'S WORTH OF RENT TO PAY  
12   BACK. SO A MORATORIUM WITHOUT RENT FORGIVENESS IS JUST  
13   DELAYING EVICTIONS AND SETTING THE STAGE FOR AN EXPONENTIAL  
14   GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE UNHOUSED IN L.A.  
15   COUNTY, WHICH IS AN ALREADY ASTRONOMICAL NUMBER. AND THIS WILL  
16   DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT SENIORS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESSENTIAL  
17   WORKERS, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, WHO ARE ALREADY  
18   STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE IN THE COUNTY. SO CANCELING RENT WITH  
19   TARGETED LAND LORD RELIEF IS THE ONLY SCALED SOLUTION, AND THE  
20   HEALTHY L.A. COALITION HAS A PROPOSAL IN PLACE TO ENSURE THIS,  
21   SO I REALLY URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THIS PROPOSAL AND  
22   WORK WITH THE GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK ON THE  
23   GROUND TO SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE DURING THIS  
24   ENTIRE PANDEMIC. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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3     **SPEAKER:** YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE FROM THE LINE OF  
4     PATRICIA RUSTLE, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

5

6     **PATRICIA RUSTLE:** YES, HI, THANK YOU FOR THIS. I HEAR ALL THE  
7     UGLY STORIES ABOUT HOW HORRIBLE LANDLORDS ARE, BUT I AM A  
8     SENIOR. I RENTED OUT HALF OF MY HOUSE BECAUSE I NEEDED MONEY  
9     TO TRY NOT LOSE MY HOUSE TO A TENANT WHO EMOTIONALLY HARASSED  
10    ME AND HAD PLENTY OF MONEY THAT USED COVID AS A REASON NOT TO  
11    PAY AND STAYED THERE FOR OVER 5 MONTHS, LEAVING, AND I HAVE NO  
12    WAY TO GET ANY OF THE MONEY BACK, AND I AM ABOUT READY TO LOSE  
13    MY PROPERTY. SO I'M HOPING -- AND THERE IS NO HELP WITH ANY OF  
14    THE ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THEY ONLY HELP THE TENANTS. AND I  
15    UNDERSTAND TENANTS' PROBLEMS, BUT WE SMALL LANDLORDS HAVE  
16    PROBLEMS TOO. I CANNOT RENT OUT MY SPACE AGAIN IN MY HOUSE  
17    BECAUSE I AM 77 YEARS OLD, AND MY DOCTOR SAID BECAUSE I HAVE  
18    PREEXISTING CONDITIONS, IT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR ME, AND  
19    I SHOULD NOT DO THAT. SO NOW I AM IN REAL TROUBLE, AND NONE OF  
20    THE PROGRAMS ARE REALLY HELPING ME. AND HOPING THAT YOU CAN  
21    THINK OUT OF BOX AND THINK ABOUT THE LANDLORDS TOO THAT ARE  
22    NOT REAL BAD GUYS EVERYBODY SEEMS TO THINK. AND PUBLIC  
23    COMMENT, I HAVE A SON WHO HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF HOSPITALS AND  
24    E.R.S SINCE GOT OFF CONSERVATORSHIP TWO YEARS AGO. WITHOUT THE  
25    CONSERVATORSHIP, I AM NOT ABLE TO STOP THE CYCLE OF HIS



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1 CONTINUED HURTING OF EVERY ORGAN OF HIS BODY WHEN HE GOES  
2 INTO A BIPOLAR PSYCHOTIC RELAPSE ON THE STREET WITH METH AND  
3 ALCOHOL, NOT EVEN FOR 10 DAYS, LOSING TONS OF WEIGHT, WEIGHING  
4 138 POUNDS AT 6'1. AND I REALLY AM HOPING THAT YOU WILL EXTEND  
5 THE OUT PATIENT CONSERVATORSHIP NOT ONLY HOMELESS PEOPLE BUT  
6 TO EVEN PEOPLE THAT HAVE A PLACE. HE HAS A STUDIO, BUT HE IS  
7 VERY DANGEROUS EVEN IN HIS STUDIO APARTMENT WHEN HE BRINGS  
8 PEOPLE FROM THE STREET, WHEN THEY ABUSE HIM SEXUALLY. I REALLY  
9 THINK WE HAVE GOT TO THINK AGAIN, OUT OF THE BOX, WHEN IT  
10 COMES TO HELPING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WITH CO-OCCURRING  
11 DISORDERS, THANK YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL THE LINE OF BRADY  
16 COLLINS, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **BRADY COLLINS:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21

22 **BRADY COLLINS:** YES, THIS IS A COMMENT FOR ITEMS 2D, 7, 17, AND  
23 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM WITH THE KOREATOWN IMMIGRANT  
24 WORKERS ALLIANCE, OR K.I.W.A, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING  
25 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD POWER FOR LOW

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1 WAGE IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND TENANTS. AND FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS,  
2 WE HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY TO IMPROVE  
3 THEIR WORK PLACES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. WHILE EVICTION  
4 PROTECTIONS AND LIMITED RENTAL ASSISTANCE HAVE HELPED OUR  
5 MEMBERS TEMPORARILY, THESE MEASURES DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH.  
6 THOSE THAT K.I.W.A. WORK WITH ARE SEVERELY RENT BURDENED AND  
7 ARE EMPLOYED IN LOW WAGE INDUSTRIES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN  
8 SHUT DOWN DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. WITH LITTLE TO NO INCOME, THEY  
9 HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND PAY THE BILLS,  
10 AND AT SOME POINT, THE BILL FOR UNPAID RENT WILL BE DUE, AND  
11 WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION, MANY WILL END UP ON THE STREET. WE  
12 SUPPORT ITEM 7 AND ASK THAT YOU EXTEND PROTECTION UNTIL THE  
13 END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH STRONGER ANTI-HARASSMENT  
14 MEASURES. HOWEVER, CANCELING RENTS WITH TARGETED LANDLORD  
15 RELIEF IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THAT WILL REACH THE MOST  
16 VULNERABLE. THE COUNTY'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FAILED  
17 THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND PROVED THAT BIG LANDLORDS  
18 ONLY CARE ABOUT MAKING PROFIT. STOP USING PUBLIC MONEY TO LINE  
19 THE POCKETS OF CORPORATIONS. ADOPT THE HEALTHY L.A. PROPOSAL.  
20 THE NEW FEDERAL RENTAL RELIEF IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH A  
21 COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM THAT WILL CANCEL  
22 RENT, SUSPEND RENT PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE TENANTS, STRENGTHENS  
23 MORTGAGE PROTECTIONS, AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE LANDLORD  
24 LANDLORDS. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY,  
25 TAKE ACTION NOW. CANCEL THE RENT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 AND ENSURE A JUST RECOVERY. THANK YOU. I YIELD THE REST OF MY  
2 TIME.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF LUCIA PIERRE,  
7 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9 **LUCIA PIERRE:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS LUCIA PIERRE, I AM A  
10 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. HI, SHEILA KUEHL. I AM SPEAKING TODAY  
11 IN PARTICULAR ON ITEM 33, BUT ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH ON  
12 ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
13 BOARD'S EFFORTS TO HOLD LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE  
14 TO OUR STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY. AND I'M  
15 REALLY GLAD TO SEE YOU WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN  
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO HOLD VILLANUEVA ACCOUNTABLE, BUT I  
17 ALSO URGE THE BOARD TO GO FURTHER TO DIRECT FUNDING OUT OF THE  
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED OFFICES,  
19 SUCH AS PROBATION AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND  
20 REDIRECT THE FUNDS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND THE  
21 BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURES OF CARE. WHAT THE PEOPLE OF L.A.  
22 COUNTY DESERVE, AND WHAT WE VOTED FOR DECISIVELY WITH THE  
23 PASSING OF MEASURE J, IS A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES TRUE PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT,  
25 PRETRIAL DIVERSION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS,

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1 AND THE BOARD HAS BOTH THE POWER AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
2 CREATE THAT CHANGE THROUGH THE BUDGET. AND YOU HAVE THE  
3 BLUEPRINT FOR THE CARE-FIRST VISION WITH THE ALTERNATIVES TO  
4 INCARCERATION REPORT. YOU HAVE THE VOTER MANDATE, AND YOU HAVE  
5 THE ROAD MAP, NOT ONLY TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO HOLD THIS  
6 INDIVIDUAL SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE, AND WE MUST DO THAT, BUT ALSO  
7 TO REDIRECT FUNDING OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND INTO  
8 SERVICES THAT WE KNOW KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. AND IN THE  
9 NAMES OF DIJON KIZZEE, ANDRES GUARDADO, RYAN TWYMAN, A.J.  
10 WEBER, JOHN HORTON, AND THE MANY, MANY MORE WHO HAVE BEEN  
11 KILLED AND HARMED BY L.A.S.D. ON OUR STREETS AND IN THE COUNTY  
12 JAILS, REMOVE VILLANUEVA AND MOVE VAST RESOURCES THAT HAVE  
13 ENABLED, MILITARIZED, AND PROTECTED THE IMPUNITY OF L.A.S.D.  
14 IT IS PASSED TIME TO INSTEAD INVEST IN UPLIFTING, SUPPORTING,  
15 AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND DEEPLY CONNECTED IS THE  
16 DIRE NEED FOR RENT CANCELLATION. WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
17 GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT  
18 THE COUNTY --

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON  
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **LUCIA PIERRE:** IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
24 GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT THE COUNTY CLAIMS THEY  
25 ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE RELIEF AND FORGIVENESS THAT IS SO

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1 DESPERATELY NEEDED. WE ARE SITTING IN THE EPICENTER OF A  
2 GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AND PEOPLE ALL OVER L.A. ARE FACING THE  
3 LOOMING THREAT OF EVICTION. TEMPORARY MORATORIUMS AMOUNT TO A  
4 STAY OF EXECUTION FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATING  
5 DEBILITATING RENT DEBT FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE WAVE OF  
6 EVICTIONS WILL FLOOD OVER INTO AN EXPLOSION OF HOMELESSNESSES  
7 BEYOND OUR CURRENT HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. NEW FEDERAL RENT  
8 RELIEF CREATES A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH A  
9 COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM TO CANCEL RENT  
10 DEBT AND SUSPEND RENT PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE TENANTS,  
11 STRENGTHEN MORTGAGE PROTECTIONS, AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE  
12 LANDLORDS. CANCEL RENT NOW. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL THE LINE OF BRENDA OLMOS,  
17 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

18

19 **BRENDA OLMOS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
20 BRENDA OLMOS. I'M THE VICE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AND  
21 CURRENTLY WORK FOR -- HEALTHCARE AS THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN  
22 OPERATIONS. TODAY, I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO  
23 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR SENDING A MUCH NEEDED LETTER TO  
24 GOVERNOR NEWSOM REQUESTING HIM TO BRING MORE MEDICAL STAFF AND  
25 THE U.S.N.S. MERCY TO HELP OUR HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS. AS

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1 YOU KNOW, HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS ARE OVERWHELMED, AND ALSO  
2 MANY OF THE PHYSICIANS THAT I WORK FOR, FROM SPECIALISTS TO  
3 PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS, ALONG WITH THEIR STAFF, ARE ALSO  
4 TESTING POSITIVE, WHICH IS NOW LIMITING ACCESS TO CARE IN OUR  
5 CITIES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR CALLING ON THE STATE  
6 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO  
7 L.A. COUNTY THROUGH THE CRISIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ZACHARY  
12 WARMA, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

13

14 **ZACHARY WARMA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, ZACHARY WARMA,  
15 PUBLIC AFFAIRS LEAD AT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. A VERY  
16 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. ON BEHALF OF D.W.C., I AM CALLING  
17 TODAY TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9,  
18 RECOGNIZING UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF  
19 ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. WITH WOMEN FALLING  
20 OUT OF THE LABOR FORCE AT 4 TIMES THE RATE HIGHER THAN MEN,  
21 WITH INCREASED REPORTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DUE TO STAY AT  
22 HOME ORDERS, A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT THE PANDEMIC RELATED  
23 JOB LOSSES HAVE HAD ON ECONOMIC SECTORS ANCHORED BY WOMEN, AND  
24 PARTICULARLY BLACK WOMEN, LATINAS, AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN, THE  
25 COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS LAID BARE THE TENUOUSNESS MANY ECONOMIC

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1 AND SOCIAL GAINS WOMEN HAVE MADE. LOCALLY, WOMEN'S  
2 HOMELESSNESS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 8 YEARS, OUT-PACING THE  
3 INCREASE AMONG MEN. DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IS  
4 A MAJOR CAUSE OF HOUSELESSNESS AMONGST WOMEN, AND INSTANCES OF  
5 TRAUMA INCREASE THE LONGER A WOMAN IS UNHOUSED. BY AFFIRMING  
6 THE PRINCIPLES ESPOUSED IN THE C.E.D.A.W. ARE FULLY CONSISTENT  
7 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S VALUES AND ACTIONS, THIS BOARD IS  
8 CONTINUING TO LEAD ON GENDER AND RACIAL EQUITY. WE WANT TO  
9 THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR AUTHORIZING THIS  
10 MOTION, BUT ALSO THIS ENTIRE HISTORIC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
11 YOUR LONG TIME CHAMPIONING OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN. THANK YOU  
12 VERY MUCH.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE FROM THE LINE OF TIFF  
17 SANCHEZ, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

18

19 **TIFF SANCHEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM REALLY HAPPY TO BE  
20 SPEAKING TODAY WITH ALL OF YOU. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 2D, 7,  
21 AND 17. RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED TO CANCEL  
22 RENT AND MORTGAGES FOR THE FOLKS MOST IMPACTED BY COVID, I.E.  
23 ANGELENOS THAT ARE "ESSENTIAL WORKERS," LOW INCOME ESSENTIAL  
24 WORKERS, WHICH IS IRONIC BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT OUR POOREST  
25 COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ESSENTIAL, WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE



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1 THAT COMMERCE/CAPITALISM NEEDS POVERTY TO OPERATE. IT OPERATES  
2 ON THE BACKS OF THE POOR. PEOPLE FACING UNIMAGINABLE CRUELTY  
3 HAVE THESE OPTIONS, 1) WORK AND DON'T EAT, RISK HOMELESSNESS,  
4 OR 2) WORK, RISK YOUR HEALTH AND LIVES OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD,  
5 CONTRACT COVID, OR 3) CONTRACT COVID, LOSE YOUR JOB, AND YOU  
6 CANNOT PAY RENT, AND YOU GET EVICTED. THESE ARE HORRIBLE  
7 OPTIONS. YOU KNOW THERE WILL BE A TIME AFTER COVID, THERE WILL  
8 BE A MOMENT WHEN WE REFLECT ON THE WHOS, THE WHATS, THE WHENS,  
9 AND WHYS. WHO WAS IN A POSITION TO HELP? WHAT DID THEY DO? AND  
10 WAS IT ENOUGH? BY APRIL, 70% OF L.A. COUNTY WILL HAVE  
11 CONTRACTED COVID. WE HAVE PUT OUR GOOD FAITH IN THE BOARD TO  
12 ACT WITH OVERWHELMING URGENCY TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE OF  
13 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND WE ARE THE ONLY DEVELOPED NATION ON  
14 EARTH THAT HASN'T CANCELED RENT, PAID FOR FOLKS TO STAY HOME.  
15 ITALY, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, FRANCE, I  
16 COULD GO ON, THE U.S. HAS THE MONEY. CALIFORNIA HAS THE MONEY.  
17 WE NEED TO VALUE LIFE AND NOT THE BOTTOM LINE. VOTERS WANT YOU  
18 ALL TO GO BACK AND DEMAND THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE STATE'S  
19 BUDGET. CANCEL RENT. AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO  
20 THANK HILDA SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT WITH THE HOMELESS IN EL  
21 SERENO. WE NEED THESE 170 CAL TRANS HOUSES RELEASED TO EL  
22 SERENO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE FROM THE LINE OF STEVIE  
2 SHAW, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **STEVIE SHAW:** HI, MY NAME IS STEVIE. I AM SPEAKING AS MEMBER OF  
5 THE LOS ANGELES TENANTS' UNION AND ALSO A MEMBER OF D.F.A.  
6 L.A. AND STREET WATCH. ON ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,  
7 ECHOING WHAT MANY CALLERS HAVE SAID IN SUPPORT OF A HEALTHY  
8 L.A. BUDGET, WHICH WOULD MEAN CANCELING RENT AND MORTGAGES.  
9 NOTHING SHY OF THAT IS GOING TO PREVENT REALLY, AND THIS IS  
10 NOT BEING GRANDIOSE, BUT AN APOCALYPSE. WE ALREADY HAVE 67,000  
11 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AS OF JANUARY, SO PRE-  
12 PANDEMIC, 2019. WE ARE NOT DOING A HOMELESS COUNT IN 2020. WE  
13 KNOW THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST 110,000 HOUSEHOLDS, NOT PEOPLE,  
14 FACING EVICTION. IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNCONSCIONABLE THAT OUR  
15 MALLS ARE OPEN WHEN WE HAVE 1 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE TESTING POSITIVE  
16 FOR COVID IN LOS ANGELES. THIS IS LITERALLY THE MOST DANGEROUS  
17 PLACE ON THE PLANET RIGHT NOW WITH RESPECT TO THE PANDEMIC. I  
18 LOST MY JOB IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR AT A GYM. THAT GYM IS GOING  
19 TO CLOSE. IT'S A PRIVATELY OWNED GYM. I CANNOT MAKE BACK ALL  
20 OF THE RENT DEBT THAT IS OWED, AND I'M FORTUNATE PERSON, A  
21 PRIVILEGED PERSON, IN THAT I AM WHITE AND AM HOUSED RIGHT NOW,  
22 SO NOT CANCELING RENT IS RACIST. IT WILL ABSOLUTELY MOST --  
23  
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO  
25 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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2 **STEVIE SHAW:** IT WILL MOST SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT BLACK PEOPLE,  
3 INDIGENOUS FOLKS, LATINX FOLKS, AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, WHO  
4 WE ALREADY KNOW ARE THE PEOPLE MOST LIKELY TO BE EXPERIENCING  
5 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. REGARDING THE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS, I ALSO  
6 SUPPORT HIGHER PAY FOR GROCERY WORKERS. I DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE  
7 SITUATION WITH THAT, BUT REALLY, IT IS KIND OF ALARMING TO  
8 HEAR ALL OF THE GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE  
9 THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED MOMENT, AND WE NEED UNPRECEDENTED  
10 SOLUTIONS, AND THAT MEANS CANCELING RENT AND MORTGAGES AND  
11 EXTENDING TENANT PROTECTION AND ANTI- LANDLORD HARASSMENT. I  
12 YIELD MY TIME.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF  
15 ALEX CAVE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

16

17 **ALEX CAVE:** OKAY. HI, MY NAME IS ALEX, AND I AM A MEMBER -- I  
18 LIVE IN DISTRICT TWO, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2D, 3, 7, 8,  
19 17, 33, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS MANY HAVE SAID, LOS  
20 ANGELES IS ONE OF THE DEADLIEST PLACES IN AMERICA RIGHT NOW  
21 BECAUSE OF COVID, AND 1 IN 5 ANGELENOS IS TESTING POSITIVE.  
22 FOR ITEM 3, I SUPPORT REMOVING PRE-TRIAL ENFORCEMENT AS A  
23 PUNISHMENT FOR INABILITY TO PAY BAIL AND ALSO TO ELIMINATE THE  
24 GENERAL POPULATION'S EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 THAT IS RAMPANT IN  
25 OUR JAILS. ITEMS 7, 17, AND 2D, IT SHOULDN'T BE A QUESTION OF

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1 IF, BUT WHEN, ON EXTENDING RENT PROTECTIONS, AND WE ARE NOT  
2 DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT PEOPLE. RENT AND BACK RENT SHOULD BE  
3 FORGIVEN SO EVERYONE CAN LIVE RENT FREE WITHOUT THE RISK OF  
4 INCREASING OUT OF CONTROL HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, MY JOB DEPENDS  
5 ON TOURISM, SO I CAN'T WORK UNTIL L.A. IS SAFE. OTHERS CANNOT  
6 TURN DOWN WORK BECAUSE THEY NEED TO PAY RENT, BUT WORKING AT  
7 MACY'S, BECAUSE THE MALLS ARE OPEN FOR SOME REASON, INCREASES  
8 THEIR RISK OF COVID. AND IF THEY TURN DOWN WORK, THEY CANNOT  
9 GET UNEMPLOYMENT. NO ONE SHOULD BE CHOOSING BETWEEN RENT OR  
10 FOOD. AND HOW IS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN LAID OFF FOR ALL THIS  
11 TIME SUPPOSED TO MAGICALLY PAY SIX MONTHS OF BACK RENT? IT  
12 DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. BUT ALSO PROTECT LANDLORDS BY TAKING  
13 AWAY EVICTION MORATORIUMS. GIVE THEM INCENTIVES TO CANCEL  
14 RENT, TO NOT PUSH THESE PEOPLE. AGENDA 33, ALEX VILLANUEVA  
15 NEEDS TO BE SHOWN HE IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW AND THAT HE HAS TO  
16 ADHERE TO CHECKS AND BALANCES. I HAVE SO MUCH SUPPORT FOR THE  
17 C.O.C. OBSERVING WAYS TO REMOVE HIM, WHICH WILL BE LIKE  
18 REMOVING THE ROOT OF A DEAD TREE AND SHOW THE OTHER PEOPLE IN  
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THIS CULTURE OF SHOOT FIRST, ACT LATER,  
20 BIASED ARREST WITH RACISM, HORRIFIC ATTITUDES BETWEEN PUBLIC  
21 OFFICIALS WHO CALL THEM OUT ON ACTIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.  
22 L.A. VOTERS CHOSE OVERWHELMINGLY TO HAVE LESS POLICE AND MORE  
23 COMMUNITY SUPPORT. RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS HAPPENING IN L.A., THERE  
24 IS MORE MUTUAL AID, THERE IS MORE CHURCH-BASED, FAITH-BASED  
25 ORGANIZATIONS, THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE HELPING ANGELENOS.

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1 THEY ARE THE ONES, NOT THE CITIES, NOT THE MAYOR. NOTHING IS  
2 HAPPENING. I HAD TO HELP MY FRIENDS GET JACKETS FOR THE  
3 UNHOUSED, AND WHAT IS L.A. DOING? THEY ARE NOT SEIZING HOTEL.  
4 THEY ARE NOT SEIZING APARTMENTS. LITERALLY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS  
5 DOING TO MAKE THIS STOP? WE ARE THE DEADLIEST CITY RIGHT NOW.  
6 THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS, AND THERE ARE SWEEPS THAT ARE HAPPENING.  
7 HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE BEING DISPLACED. THIS IS -- AGAINST THE  
8 C.D.C.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, BY THE WAY. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY  
9 INSANE. VILLANUEVA LITERALLY SAID IN THE C.O.C. MEETING THAT  
10 HE IS NOT GOING TO HELP BECAUSE THEY CHOOSE -- THEY CHOSE NOT  
11 TO SUPPORT HIS ACTIONS AND WANT HIM REMOVED. L.A. IS SUFFERING  
12 BY THE HANDS OF POLICE AND THE SHERIFF. WE NEED TO CHANGE  
13 THAT. WE ARE KNOWN FOR BEING AN EPICENTER FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST  
14 PEOPLE, VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK, AND BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS  
15 PEOPLE. YOU ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THAT. YOU HAVE  
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE OF L.A. YOU HAVE THE  
17 CHANCE TO MAKE 2021 A NEW YEAR, TO CHANGE THE WAY THAT L.A.  
18 OPERATES, TO MAKE COMMUNITIES VIBRANT IN SUPPORTING EACH  
19 OTHER, TO MAKE PEOPLE NOT HAVE TO LIVE ON THE STREETS. THIS IS  
20 UP TO YOU. I AM HORRIFIED THAT THE ONLY HELP THAT UNHOUSED  
21 PEOPLE ARE GETTING RIGHT NOW IS FROM MUTUAL AID AND NOT FROM  
22 OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS, WHILE THE MAYOR SITS AROUND AND DOES  
23 NOTHING. I APPRECIATE THAT MANY OF THE MAYORS ARE IN THIS CALL  
24 TODAY AS IF THEY ARE ASKING FOR HAZARD PAY, AND THEY ARE  
25 ASKING FOR GROCERY WORKERS TO BE HELPED. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT

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1 GETTING UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN GET STIMULUS CHECKS  
2 BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT THEY -- THESE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE  
7 OF HENRY ROGERS, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9 **HENRY ROGERS:** YES, HELLO, CHAIR SOLIS, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
10 BOARD. MY NAME IS HENRY ROGERS, AND I'M HERE TODAY SPEAKING ON  
11 GENERAL COMMENT. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, L.A.C.M.A. WE REPRESENT ABOUT  
13 7,000 PHYSICIANS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WANT TO THANK  
14 YOU FOR THE SUPPORT YOU PROVIDED PHYSICIANS THAT CONTINUE TO  
15 CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. YOUR  
16 ACTIONS HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN CALIFORNIA. L.A.C.M.A. IS  
17 DRIVEN BY A VISION TO ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND  
18 SERVE OUR MEMBERS' PROFESSIONAL NEEDS. UNFORTUNATELY, LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY PHYSICIANS CONTINUE TO FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINES  
20 OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AS NUMBERS OF NEW  
21 CASES IN LOS ANGELES CONTINUE TO SOAR. WE HAVE SEEN ON  
22 SATURDAY, THE COUNTY SURPASSED 800,000 CASES, REFLECTING THE  
23 FASTEST SPREAD OF THE VIRUS SINCE IT WAS FIRST DETECTED IN THE  
24 AREA. AN EXPLOSION OF COVID-19 PATIENTS HAS BEGUN TO FLOOD OUR  
25 HOSPITALS. THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE BEDS IN INTENSIVE CARE

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1 UNITS IS RAPIDLY DROPPING. THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 PATIENTS IN  
2 HOSPITALS IS EXPECTED TO GROW THROUGH JANUARY OR BEYOND WITH  
3 THE CHRISTMAS TRAVEL AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS FUELING THE VIRUS'S  
4 FURTHER SPREAD. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN'S REQUEST TO  
5 GOVERNOR NEWSOM ASKING THAT WE WORK WITH ARMY CORPS, EXCUSE  
6 ME, THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO BRING  
7 ADDITIONAL --

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MADAM  
10 CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC  
13 SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK.  
14 IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT  
15 WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE  
16 TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE  
17 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
18 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE  
19 WILL BE VOTING.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE ITEMS BEFORE  
22 YOU ARE ITEM 1D, 3D, 1, 4-6, 9, 11-12, 14, 16, 18, AND 19, 21-  
23 32, 34, AND 35, 37-49, 51-58, 59A, 59C, AND 62-67.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.  
3    MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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7    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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9    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
10    KUEHL?

11

12    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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14    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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16    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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18    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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20    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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22    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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24    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. TODAY, WE  
4 WILL BEGIN WITH THE SET ITEMS, S1, THEN ITEMS 2D, AND 17,  
5 WHICH ARE RELATED, THEN TO ITEMS 2, 3, 7, 8, 13, 15, 50, AND  
6 59B, AND FINISHING UP WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 68. SO  
7 WITH THAT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SET ITEM, S1, THE SET MATTER  
8 ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS A PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR  
9 THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS. IN  
10 ADDITION TO THE USUAL PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE, THE C.E.O. AND  
11 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE FUNDING  
12 NEEDS FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION AND THE EFFORTS  
13 TO PREVENT SUPER SPREADER EVENTS AS REQUESTED AT THE DECEMBER  
14 8TH BOARD MEETING. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME DR.  
15 BARBARA FERRER, DR. GHALY, AND ALSO FESIA DAVENPORT. WE WILL  
16 START IN THAT -- [MULTIPLE PEOPLE TALKING].

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I JUST SEND IT TO YOU. SO YOU CAN MAKE AN  
19 ANNOUNCEMENT IN A COUPLE MINUTES, LIKE BEFORE 10:45, I WOULD  
20 ASSUME --

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ROD, YOU'RE ON.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, ROD, YOU SHOULD BE MUTED. WE ARE GOING  
25 TO OUR SET -- WE CAN HAVE DR. FERRER.

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1

2 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISORS, THAT WAS NOT ME. THIS IS ROD --

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, CAN YOU TELL THAT STAFF THEN TO  
5 MUTE. OKAY, LET'S BEGIN THEN IF WE CAN START WITH DR. FERRER  
6 AND DR. GHALY AND FESIA DAVENPORT.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** THIS IS BARBARA. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY, PERFECT. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, AND AGAIN  
13 I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING US  
14 DURING WHAT HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT MONTH OF DECEMBER, AND  
15 WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AHEAD TO CONTINUED DEVASTATING NUMBERS  
16 HERE IN JANUARY, AS WELL. AS ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE, OUR CASE  
17 NUMBERS CONTINUE TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH, EVEN CASE  
18 NUMBERS WE GET FOR THE NUMBER OF NEW CASES AFTER A HOLIDAY  
19 WEEKEND, WHEN MOST OF OUR TESTING SITES HAVE BEEN DOWN, ARE  
20 TOPPING OVER 10,000 OR 12,000 NEW CASES A DAY. OUR AVERAGE,  
21 WHEN ALL OF OUR TESTING SITES ARE UP AND RUNNING, HAS BEEN  
22 HOVERING BETWEEN 13,000 AND 14,000 NEW CASES A DAY FOR THE  
23 LAST TWO WEEKS STRAIGHT. WE ARE WORRIED THAT CASE NUMBERS CAN,  
24 IN FACT, INCREASE AGAIN, SIMILAR TO WHAT WE SAW 2 TO 3 WEEKS  
25 OUT FROM THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED

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1 WINTER HOLIDAYS, WHICH FOR MANY PEOPLE STARTED ON DECEMBER  
2 18TH. WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WEEK, WE WILL START  
3 EXPERIENCING SOME INCREASES IN CASES. THE QUESTION IS, DO THEY  
4 GO AS HIGH AS THEY DID BEFORE. WE HOPE THAT WHILE WE KNOW LOTS  
5 OF PEOPLE TRAVELED, AND WE'RE WORRIED THAT MANY PEOPLE, BOTH  
6 IN TRAVELING AND EVEN THOSE WHO STAYED WITHIN THE REGION,  
7 INTERMINGLED FAR MORE THAN WE HAD ASKED PEOPLE TO DO. OUR HOPE  
8 IS THAT PEOPLE TAKE SERIOUSLY THEIR OBLIGATION, IF THEY DID  
9 TRAVEL OUT OF THE REGION, TO QUARANTINE FOR TEN DAYS BECAUSE  
10 THAT WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL TOOL FOR REDUCING SPREAD. IF  
11 PEOPLE WHO WERE OUT OF THE REGION AND TRAVELED AND HAD THOSE  
12 ADDITIONAL EXPOSURES YOU HAVE BY THE VERY ACT OF TRAVELING, IF  
13 YOU CAN THEN GO AHEAD AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE TAKING THOSE  
14 PRECAUTIONS BY QUARANTINING YOURSELF FOR TEN DAYS AFTER YOU  
15 RETURN, IT GIVES US MORE OF A CHANCE OF PREVENTING THE  
16 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF THAT TRAVEL ON OTHER PEOPLE. SO YOU  
17 TRAVELED, YOU COME BACK, YOU BROUGHT THE VIRUS, YOU ARE NOT  
18 SICK, YOU ARE ASYMPTOMATIC, YOU GO BACK TO WORK, YOU GO TO THE  
19 GROCERY STORE, YOU GO TO SEE A FRIEND, EVEN IF IT IS OUTSIDE,  
20 AND ALL OF THOSE ARE PLACES WHERE YOU ARE EXPOSING OTHER  
21 PEOPLE TO THE VIRUS AS WELL. SO WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT  
22 EVERYONE REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SELF QUARANTINE IF  
23 YOU DID TRAVEL. WE KNOW THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
24 DID TRAVEL, BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVED FROM THE  
25 AIRPORT AS WELL AS FROM WHAT WE'VE WITNESSED IN TERMS OF

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1 TRAVEL BY CAR, BUS, AND RAIL. THE SECOND PIECE OF INFORMATION  
2 THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP IN MIND, AS WE GO  
3 THROUGH JANUARY, IS THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE INCREASING CASES OR  
4 EVEN STABILIZING AT THE VERY HIGH NUMBER OF NEW CASES, HAS AN  
5 AUTOMATIC IMPACT ON HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ON DEATHS. ANYWHERE  
6 BETWEEN 10 AND 12 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE HAVE  
7 ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITALS, REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATIONS AND  
8 HOSPITAL CARE. AND THE HIGHER THE NUMBER IS OF NEW CASES, THE  
9 HIGHER THE NUMBER WILL BE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ENDING UP NEEDING  
10 CARE IN THE HOSPITAL. AND FOR MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO GO INTO  
11 THE HOSPITAL FOR CARE, THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER LENGTHS  
12 OF STAY THAN OTHER PEOPLE SEEKING CARE AT THE HOSPITALS. SO ON  
13 AVERAGE, WE ARE NOW AT BETWEEN 6 AND 7 DAYS FOR EACH COVID-19  
14 PATIENT THAT IS HOSPITALIZED. AND THAT THEN TRANSLATES AGAIN  
15 INTO THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEING IN THE HOSPITAL  
16 EACH DAY WITH COVID-19. AND, YOU KNOW, WE ANTICIPATE WE ARE  
17 CLOSE TO HITTING 8,000 PEOPLE BEING IN THE HOSPITAL FOR COVID-  
18 19, AT SOME POINT, THIS WEEK. THAT NUMBER WILL GO UP AS CASE  
19 NUMBERS GO UP. SO THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER  
20 OF PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL SIGNIFICANTLY RIGHT NOW IS TO REDUCE  
21 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE AND ARE INFECTED WITH  
22 THE COVID-19 VIRUS. THAT ALSO, UNFORTUNATELY, HOSPITALIZATIONS  
23 IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO END UP PASSING  
24 AWAY AND DYING. THE MORE PEOPLE THAT ARE HOSPITALIZED, THE  
25 MORE PEOPLE THAT END UP DYING. AND AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE HEARD,

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1 WE ARE ALREADY IN A DESPERATE SITUATION, WHERE WE'VE, ON  
2 AVERAGE, ARE TALKING WELL OVER 100 PEOPLE DYING EACH DAY FROM  
3 COVID-19. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE HAD MANY DAYS IN A ROW WHERE  
4 THAT NUMBER HAS OVER 150 PEOPLE DYING EACH DAY. THE SAME  
5 STRATEGY, THE ONLY WAY TO REDUCE THOSE NUMBERS SIGNIFICANTLY  
6 IS TO STOP COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO  
7 WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THE  
8 VARIANT. THERE ARE TWO VARIANTS THAT ARE OF INTEREST RIGHT  
9 NOW. THE ONE THAT HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF ATTENTION IS THE U.K.  
10 VARIANT, BUT THERE'S ALSO A VARIANT THAT HAS PRESENTED ITSELF  
11 IN SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH OF THESE VARIANTS CAN BE FOUND WHEN YOU  
12 DO GENOME SEQUENCING ON YOUR SAMPLES THAT YOU ARE COLLECTING  
13 TO TEST PEOPLE FOR CORONAVIRUS, BUT IT IS, YOU KNOW, IT IS A  
14 GENE SEQUENCING PROCESS. IT DOES TAKE A FEW DAYS. WE CONTINUE  
15 TO PROCESS AT OUR LABS, SAMPLES WHERE WE LOOK BOTH FOR THE  
16 U.K. VARIANT AND FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT. TO DATE, WE  
17 HAVE PROCESSED 80 SAMPLES, AND IN NONE OF THOSE SAMPLES WHERE  
18 WE HAVE DONE THE GENE SEQUENCING HAVE WE FOUND EITHER THE U.K.  
19 VARIANT OR THE SOUTH AFRICA VARIANT. A NOTE OF CAUTION ON THIS  
20 IS 80 SAMPLES IS A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER. IT TAKES A FEW  
21 DAYS TO RUN THESE SAMPLES, IT DOES NOT MEAN BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T  
22 FOUND IT DATE THAT THE VARIANT IS NOT, IN FACT, HERE IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY. IT HAS BEEN FOUND IN NOW A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OTHER  
24 PLACES. WE ANTICIPATE, GIVEN HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE TESTING  
25 POSITIVE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT THE VARIANT IS PROBABLY

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1 HERE, AND AS WE CONTINUE TO DO TESTING AND THE C.D.C. DOES  
2 SOME TESTING ON SOME OF OUR SAMPLES, WE ARE LIKELY TO FIND IT.  
3 IF AND WHEN WE FIND IT, IT WILL IN FACT CONFIRM WE ALL NEED TO  
4 BE PREPARED FOR THE FACT THAT IF THE VARIANT STARTS  
5 CIRCULATING AT A HIGHER LEVEL, IT BECOMES EASIER FOR US TO  
6 FIND, FOR EXAMPLE, IN L.A. COUNTY, BOTH OF THESE VARIANTS ARE  
7 SOON TO BE MORE CONTAGIOUS THAN THE CORONAVIRUS THAT IS  
8 CURRENTLY CIRCULATING PRIMARILY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE COULD  
9 EASILY, THEN, HAVE A VIRUS THAT ACTUALLY IS CAPABLE OF  
10 INFECTING MORE PEOPLE, THROUGH THE SAME MEANS, BUT IT HAS A  
11 HIGHER RATE OF INFECTIVITY, SO IT INFECTS MORE PEOPLE THAN THE  
12 COVID-19 VIRUS THAT IS CIRCULATING RIGHT RIGHT NOW IN L.A.  
13 COUNTY. THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US BECAUSE OF THIS IS  
14 WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN. IF WE HAVE THIS MUCH  
15 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIRUS WE HAVE BEEN  
16 LIVING WITH FOR THE LAST 10 MONTHS, THAT IS IN FACT EASY FOR  
17 US TO TRANSMIT TO OTHERS, BUT ISN'T AS EASY TO TRANSMIT AS THE  
18 U.K. VARIANT, AND THE U.K. VARIANT ENDS UP CIRCULATING HERE,  
19 NOT IN SMALL NUMBERS LIKE IT MIGHT BE NOW, BUT IT ACTUALLY  
20 STARTS DOMINATING, THEN WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD, UNFORTUNATELY,  
21 TO HAVING A VIRUS THAT IS ABLE TO INFECT MORE PEOPLE MORE  
22 QUICKLY THAN WHAT WE ARE SEEING TODAY, AND THAT IS A  
23 FRIGHTENING THOUGHT. THE GOOD NEWS IS IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW  
24 IS WE DO HAVE THE TOOLS, AND WE'VE ALWAYS HAD THE TOOLS FOR  
25 THE LAST MANY MONTHS, THAT ACTUALLY PREVENTS A LOT OF



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1 TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS, BUT EVERYONE WOULD HAVE TO BE USING  
2 THEM AND USING THEM ALL OF THE TIME. THOSE FACE COVERINGS ARE  
3 EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE VIRUS THAT IS MORE CONTAGIOUS THAN THE  
4 VIRUS WE ARE SEEING NOW, AS THEY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST  
5 THE VIRUS THAT WAS SLIGHTLY LESS CONTAGIOUS THAN THE VIRUS WE  
6 ARE SEEING NOW. IT IS A GOOD LINE OF DEFENSE, AS IS INFECTION  
7 CONTROL, AS IS DISTANCING, BUT IT BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
8 EVER THAT WE ACTUALLY ARE MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING  
9 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP OURSELVES AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO  
10 AREN'T IN OUR HOUSEHOLD, EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES,  
11 WHICH FOR SOME OF US INCLUDE WORK, AND FOR MANY OF US INCLUDE  
12 GETTING GROCERIES, PERHAPS GOING TO THE DOCTOR, GETTING OUR  
13 MEDICINES. RECREATION, IF YOU ARE DOING IT BY YOURSELF OR WITH  
14 MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD, AND YOU  
15 ARE KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE, WEARING YOUR FACE COVERING, AGAIN,  
16 AN ACTIVITY THAT DOES NOT CREATE A LOT OF RISK BUT ONLY IF YOU  
17 ARE DOING IT AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND ONLY IF YOU ARE DOING  
18 IT IN A WAY THAT ACTUALLY PREVENTS YOU FROM COMING INTO  
19 CONTACT WITH OTHERS OR OTHERS COMING INTO CONTACT WITH YOU,  
20 I.E. IN A CLASS, WHERE IT MAY BE A LOT EASIER FOR THE VIRUS TO  
21 BE TRANSMITTED. SO AGAIN, WE ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE, YES, IT  
22 IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. THERE IS LOTS TO ENJOY, A LOT OF  
23 OPPORTUNITIES TO GO OUTSIDE, TAKE A WALK, GO FOR A HIKE, TAKE  
24 A WALK ON THE BEACH, BUT YOU NEED TO DO THIS WITH A LOT OF  
25 CAUTION AND A LOT OF SAFETY AS WELL. THESE ARE THE TOOLS WE

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1 HAVE RIGHT NOW, AND THESE TOOLS WILL HELP US, BUT THEY ONLY  
2 HELP US IF EVERYONE IS USING THEM. AND THEN I WANTED TO DO AN  
3 UPDATE ON VACCINE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE NEW TOOL THAT WE HAVE  
4 RIGHT NOW IS THE AVAILABILITY OF TWO VACCINES HERE IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND VERY SAFE  
6 AGAINST COVID-19. THOSE ARE THE MODERNA VACCINE, WHICH HAS  
7 BEEN AUTHORIZED UNDER AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR  
8 PEOPLE WHO ARE AGED 18 AND OLDER. AND WE HAVE THE PFIZER  
9 VACCINE, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USE FOR PERSONS AGED 16  
10 YEARS AND OLDER. TO DATE, WE'VE HAD A TOTAL OF 357,550 VACCINE  
11 DOSES THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO L.A. COUNTY. THIS STARTED IN  
12 MID-DECEMBER WITH THE PFIZER DOSES, WHICH WERE REALLY SHIPPED  
13 AND REDISTRIBUTED TO 80 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS. AT THIS POINT,  
14 ABOUT 60% OF THE PFIZER DOSES, AS OF TWO DAYS AGO, HAVE  
15 ALREADY BEEN ADMINISTERED TO THOSE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE  
16 WORKERS AT THE HOSPITALS. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A TOTAL OF, I  
17 BELIEVE, 170,000 OR SO DOSES OF MODERNA, TO DATE. THOSE  
18 MODERNA VACCINES ARE BEING USED FOR THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS AT  
19 THE MOMENT. THE FIRST PRIORITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR  
20 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES EITHER HAVE VACCINES OR HAVE ACCESS  
21 TO VACCINATORS IN THE COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO VACCINATE THEIR  
22 RESIDENTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES. THERE ARE ALSO DOSES THAT HAVE  
23 BEEN DISTRIBUTED ALREADY TO THE 18,000 FRONTLINE E.M.T.S AND  
24 PARAMEDICS, AND THEY ARE WORKING THROUGH VACCINATING ALL OF  
25 THOSE FOLKS, AND THE ADDITIONAL DOSES HAVE GONE TO OUR

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1    FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, WHO ARE BOTH  
2    VACCINATING THEIR FRONTLINE STAFF THAT WILL BE HELPING US BY  
3    SETTING UP THESE CLOSED POINTS OF DISPENSING FOR VACCINE TO  
4    THE OTHER HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT DO NOT WORK EITHER AT A  
5    SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OR WORK AT AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL.  
6    THE THIRD DISTRIBUTION POINT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WAS  
7    ACTIVATED, BUT THEY HAVEN'T STARTED VACCINATING YET, IS THE  
8    FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP WITH C.V.S. AND WALGREEN'S, AND THOSE  
9    FOLKS WILL BE GOING OUT THERE, I THINK THEY ARE SCHEDULING  
10    RIGHT NOW, VISITS THAT SHOULD START EARLY NEXT WEEK TO ALL OF  
11    THE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT SKILLED NURSING  
12    FACILITIES, WHERE THEY WILL BE OFFERING APPOINTMENTS FOR BOTH  
13    STAFF AND FOR RESIDENTS AT THOSE FACILITIES TO GET VACCINATED.  
14    THIS WEEK, WE WILL HAVE 19 VACCINATION SITES, WE CALL THEM  
15    CLOSED POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION THAT ARE SPREAD ACROSS THE  
16    COUNTY AND IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WHERE WE ARE  
17    BEGINNING TO OFFER VACCINATION TO AMBULATORY CLINICAL  
18    PROVIDERS, AND THAT IS DONE THROUGH AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR  
19    THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT WILL QUALIFY FOR  
20    GETTING VACCINATED AS PART OF TIER 1A. SO, JUST AS A REMINDER,  
21    I MEAN, IN PHASE 1A, WE HAVE THREE TIERS. THE FIRST TIER WERE  
22    ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL WORKERS, WHO ARE AT THE FRONT LINES, AND  
23    FOLKS WHO ARE EITHER RESIDENTS OR STAFF AT LONG TERM CARE  
24    FACILITIES. IN TIER TWO, WE WILL BE VACCINATING THE FRONTLINE  
25    HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CARE AT

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1 CLINICS, PRIMARY CARE CLINICS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH  
2 CENTERS, URGENT CARE CLINICS. HOME HEALTH AIDS ARE ALSO ABLE  
3 TO GET VACCINATED, AND WE CONTINUE OBVIOUSLY TO LOOK AT MAKING  
4 SURE WE ARE DOING A GOOD JOB IN INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES,  
5 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANTIAL ABUSE DISORDER FACILITIES FOR THOSE  
6 STAFF, AND WE WILL START, IN TIER TWO, ALSO LOOKING AT FIELD-  
7 BASED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. THOSE ARE GENERALLY PROVIDERS THAT  
8 MAY BE WORKING WITH HIGH RISK POPULATIONS, INCLUDING PEOPLE  
9 EXPERIENCES HOMELESSNESS. IN TIER THREE, THAT MOVES DOWN TO  
10 SOME SPECIALTY CLINICS, LAB WORKERS, DENTAL AND ORAL  
11 HEALTHCARE WORKERS, PHARMACY STAFF THAT HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN  
12 VACCINATED, AND WE MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE  
13 DOING TESTING FOR COVID-19 CAN ALSO GET VACCINATED. SO TIER,  
14 YOU KNOW, THIS PHASE 1A IS REALLY BIG. IT'S PROBABLY AT AT  
15 THIS POINT CLOSE TO A MILLION PEOPLE BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS,  
16 THE 100,000 OR SO RESIDENTS IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND  
17 ALL OF THE OTHER EITHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND STAFF AT  
18 HEALTHCARE CLINICS AND HEALTHCARE SITES WHERE THEY ARE  
19 PROVIDING CARE TO PATIENTS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT, IF WE GET  
20 ENOUGH VACCINE, AND THIS IS A BIG IF, IF WE GET ENOUGH VACCINE  
21 TO BOTH CONTINUE TO OFFER VACCINE TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN  
22 TIER TWO AND TIER THREE AND COVER THE SECOND DOSE OF VACCINE  
23 FOR ALL OF THOSE IN TIER ONE, WE WILL NEED TO START GETTING  
24 THE SECOND DOSE THIS WEEK, IF WE GET ENOUGH DOSES, WE HOPE WE  
25 WOULD COMPLETE VACCINATING THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THOSE IN

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1 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, END OF JANUARY, BEGINNING OF  
2 FEBRUARY. THE IF THERE IS REALLY DEPENDENT ON GETTING ENOUGH  
3 VACCINE. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR MANY PRIVATE  
4 PARTNERS, WITH THE STATE. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY, I BELIEVE,  
5 FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD TO COME HELP AT THESE POINTS OF  
6 DISTRIBUTION, POINTS OF DISPENSING SITES. SO WE ANTICIPATE  
7 THAT WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH SITES SET UP TO -- BETWEEN THE PRIVATE  
8 ROUTES FOR VACCINATION, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BEING ABLE TO GO  
9 TO SOME PHARMACIES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO BE DISPENSING  
10 SITES, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE CLOSED POINTS OF DISPENSING THAT  
11 WE ARE CREATING, AS WELL AS GETTING VACCINATED OBVIOUSLY AT  
12 YOUR OWN HEALTHCARE FACILITY, WE THINK WE CAN GET THIS DONE IF  
13 WE GET ENOUGH VACCINE. THE ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT TO DATE IS THAT  
14 THE DOSES WE ARE PLANNING TO GET THIS WEEK, WHICH WE HAVE NOT  
15 RECEIVED YET, ARE MUCH SMALLER THAN THE DOSES WE HAD  
16 ANTICIPATED. WE ARE ONLY GETTING ENOUGH OF THE PFIZER VACCINE  
17 TO ALLOT TO THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS FOR THE SECOND DOSES FOR  
18 THEIR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. AND WE GOT ABOUT 50,000 DOSES OF  
19 MODERNA, AND THAT NEEDS TO HELP US GET TO ALL OF PHASE 1A,  
20 THE REST OF PHASE 1A, TIER TWO AND TIER THREE. SO A LITTLE BIT  
21 OF A WRINKLE IN THIS WOULD BE IF WE DON'T GET THE ALLOCATIONS  
22 WE ARE GOING NEED TO GET THROUGH WHAT REALLY ARE CLOSE TO A  
23 MILLION PEOPLE BY THE END OF JANUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY. I KNOW A  
24 LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME, WE GET PHASE 1A HEALTHCARE  
25 WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINES, RESIDENTS AND STAFF AT LONG TERM

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1 CARE FACILITIES. WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US? AND WHAT'S  
2 HAPPENING PARTICULARLY IN WHAT'S CALLED PHASE 1B AND PHASE 1C,  
3 WHICH ARE ALSO PRIORITY GROUPS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO GET  
4 VACCINATED BECAUSE OF THEIR RISKS AND/OR THE TYPE OF WORK THAT  
5 THEY ARE DOING, AHEAD OF THE GENERAL POPULATION, BECAUSE WE  
6 HAVE LIMITED SUPPLY OF VACCINE. SO THE ONLY REASON WE GO  
7 THROUGH THIS EXERCISE TO PRIORITIZE PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED  
8 AT CERTAIN POINTS IN TIME IS BECAUSE THERE ARE JUST IS NOT  
9 GOING TO BE ENOUGH VACCINE AVAILABLE, PROBABLY UNTIL THE  
10 SUMMER, FOR IT TO BE -- FOR IT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY PERSON  
11 THAT WANTS TO GET VACCINATED. UNTIL WE ARE OUT OF, SORT OF,  
12 THE SHORT SUPPLY OF VACCINE COMPARED TO DEMAND, WE WILL BE  
13 WORKING THROUGH THIS PRIORITIZATION SCHEDULE THAT, AS MANY  
14 PEOPLE KNOW, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WITH  
15 SOME GUIDANCE, AND THEN IT GETS FURTHER REFINED BY THE STATE.  
16 THE FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT OF C.D.C., THE  
17 A.C.I.P. COMMITTEE, ACTUALLY RECOMMENDED FOR PHASE 1B, WHICH  
18 WOULD BE THE NEXT PHASE, WE WOULD HOPE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH  
19 VACCINE TO START THAT PHASE IN FEBRUARY, WOULD BE, ACCORDING  
20 TO THE FEDERAL GUIDANCE, WOULD BE FOR PEOPLE 75 AND OLDER AND  
21 FRONTLINE ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT HAVE BEEN DEFINED AS FIRST  
22 RESPONDERS, THOSE WORKING IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR, THOSE IN  
23 FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, THOSE IN MANUFACTURING, CORRECTIONS  
24 WORKERS, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WORKERS, PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKERS  
25 AND GROCERY STORE WORKERS. PHASE 1C, WHICH WOULD COME AFTER

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1 PHASE 1B, AND IT MIGHT TAKE US A MONTH OR TWO TO GET THROUGH  
2 PHASE 1B, AGAIN, DEPENDING ON VACCINE AVAILABILITY, PHASE 1C,  
3 ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL GUIDANCE, IS FOR PERSONS 65-74 AND  
4 PERSONS 16-64 WITH HIGH RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND THEN IT  
5 GOES THROUGH FOR OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS, TRANSPORTATION AND  
6 LOGISTICS, FOOD SERVICE, SHELTER AND HOUSING, FINANCE, I.T.  
7 AND COMMUNICATION, ENERGY, MEDIA, LEGAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, WATER,  
8 AND WASTEWATER. THOSE WERE WHAT WAS PROPOSED AT THE FEDERAL  
9 LEVEL. THE STATE HAS A VACCINE WORK GROUP THAT THEY HAVE  
10 PULLED TOGETHER THAT WILL TAKE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
11 SHORTLY WILL REFINE THEM FOR WHAT THE PRIORITIZATION MAY LOOK  
12 LIKE AT THE STATE. AND AS PART OF THAT PRIORITIZATION, SIMILAR  
13 TO WHAT WE SAW IN PHASE 1A, WHERE WE HAD TIER 1, TIER 2, AND  
14 TIER 3, IS VERY LIKELY THAT FOR PHASE 1B, THERE WILL BE AGAIN  
15 A TIER 1, TIER 2, AND TIER 3, AND VACCINE IS STILL SOMEWHAT  
16 SCARCE, AND AS WE TRY TO MAKE SURE WE ARE GETTING THAT VACCINE  
17 INTO THE ARMS OF PEOPLE, WE WILL BE ADHERING TO THE STATE'S  
18 PRIORITIZATION AND TIERING OF FOLKS AT THOSE LEVELS. IT WILL  
19 TAKE US A GOOD TWO TO THREE MONTHS TO GET THROUGH PHASE 1B  
20 AND 1C. AGAIN, THE LIMITING FACTOR, IN SOME WAYS, IS GOING TO  
21 BE HOW MUCH VACCINE IS AVAILABLE AND HOW QUICKLY IT IS  
22 AVAILABLE. OUR STRATEGIES FOR DOING PHASE 1B AND 1C ARE  
23 MULTIFACETED, AND WE WOULD BE RELYING ON HAVING LOTS OF  
24 PRIVATE PARTNERS HERE. ONE REASON FOR GETTING ALL HEALTHCARE  
25 WORKERS VACCINATED AT ALL OF OUR CLINICS IS SO THEY CAN THEN



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1 GO AHEAD AND VACCINATE ALL OF THEIR PATIENTS AND ALL OF THEIR  
2 MEMBERS. SO WE NEED OUR PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO BE ABLE TO BE  
3 VACCINATORS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ALREADY GO TO  
4 THEM FOR CARE AND TRUST THEM. OUR PHARMACIES, THERE ARE  
5 THOUSANDS OF THEM, THAT HAVE ALREADY -- MANY OF THEM, HUNDREDS  
6 OF THEM, HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO BE PARTNERS, AS THEY ARE  
7 WITH FLU VACCINE AND AGAIN, ANOTHER PLACE IN THE PRIVATE  
8 SECTOR WHERE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO GET VACCINATED. THIS  
9 WILL OBVIOUSLY BE AUGMENTED WITH WHAT WE WILL CALL OUR LARGE  
10 APPOINTMENTS OF DISPENSING, WHICH WILL BE ALL AROUND THE  
11 COUNTY, TO MAKE SURE IT IS VERY EASY FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO  
12 GET VACCINATED TO FIND A PLACE TO GO AND GET VACCINATED. BUT,  
13 YOU KNOW, WE WILL NEED THOSE PRIVATE PARTNERS AS WELL AS THE  
14 PUBLIC SITES IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE. AGAIN, THIS  
15 IS AT LEAST 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN PHASE 1B AND 1C, DEPENDING ON  
16 HOW THE STATE ENDS UP DEFINING EACH OF THE SECTORS IN TERMS OF  
17 RISK AND PRIORITIZATION. WHEN WE GET TO PHASE TWO, THAT IS  
18 GOING TO BE FOLKS, AT THIS POINT, GIVEN THE TWO VACCINES WE  
19 HAVE, IT WILL BE PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 64 WHO  
20 DIDN'T HAVE HIGH RISK MEDICAL CONDITIONS. WE DON'T HAVE A  
21 VACCINE YET THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USE IN ANY CHILDREN  
22 UNDER THE AGE OF 16. SO UNTIL THAT VACCINE BECOMES AVAILABLE,  
23 THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN SORT OF THE ROLL-OUT FOR PHASE TWO.  
24 WE DO ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE VACCINE THAT WILL BE  
25 APPROPRIATE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, IT IS JUST THOSE HAVE NOT BEEN

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1 APPROVED YET BY THE F.D.A. I JUST WANT TO CLOSE ON VACCINES BY  
2 NOTING THAT WE DO HAVE AN L.A. COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE WORK  
3 GROUP. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE MANY PARTNERS THAT JOINED US  
4 FOR THIS EFFORT. THERE ARE ABOUT 70,000 AGENCIES AND  
5 ORGANIZATIONS, REPRESENTING COMMUNITY INTERESTS, THE  
6 HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY, PARTNER RESPONSES, EDUCATION COMMUNITY,  
7 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES. AND THE WORK GROUP  
8 MEETS REGULARLY TO DISCUSS THE VACCINE ACTIVITIES THAT WE'RE  
9 PLANNING. WE GET A STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT THE  
10 COORDINATION CAN LOOK LIKE AROUND DISTRIBUTION, AND THERE ARE  
11 AT THIS POINT SUBCOMMITTEES THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED THAT ARE  
12 ALSO MEETING TO HONE IN ON PARTICULAR ISSUES, ENSURING EQUITY  
13 IN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH SECTORS  
14 AND RESIDENTS, AND ALIGNING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THESE MASSIVE  
15 VACCINATION SITES. WE WILL BE REPORTING OUT ON A REGULAR BASIS  
16 FROM THAT WORK GROUP, AND AGAIN I WANT TO THANK ALL MEMBERS  
17 FOR THEIR WORK WITH US. WE ALSO HAVE HOSTED A LOT OF LISTENING  
18 SESSIONS. THESE ARE LIKE FOCUS GROUPS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS,  
19 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, ESSENTIAL WORKERS, INCLUDING FOLKS  
20 FROM TRANSIT, OLDER ADULTS, FOLKS IN MANUFACTURING, OUR LABOR  
21 PARTNERS. WE'VE HAD -- WE HAVE SOME COMING UP FOR FOOD  
22 MANUFACTURING, AGRICULTURE, GROCERY WORKERS, OUR AFRICAN-  
23 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, OUR LATINX COMMUNITIES, ESSENTIAL  
24 WORKERS, WITH SOME ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION THERE. AND WE  
25 WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY, SO

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1    THERE WITH ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO REALLY DIVE IN DEEP ON HOW WE  
2    CAN BOTH COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY BUT ALSO HEAR PEOPLE'S IDEAS  
3    FOR THE BEST WAY TO DO THE DISTRIBUTION SO THAT THE VACCINE IS  
4    GETTING INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE DO HAVE  
5    BOTH A PROVIDER WEB PAGE AND A GENERAL WEB PAGE WHERE PEOPLE  
6    CAN GO TO GET MORE INFORMATION THAT IS UPDATED PRETTY MUCH  
7    EVERY DAY. AND THE LAST THING I JUST WANTED TO GIVE AN UPDATE  
8    ON, AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD, IS ON THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE  
9    BEEN HAVING RELATED TO PREVENTING THE SUPER SPREADER EVENTS  
10   THAT UNFORTUNATELY ARE ALL TOO COMMON IN SOME OF OUR  
11   COMMUNITIES. WE DO KNOW THAT THE SUPER SPREADER EVENTS HAVE  
12   THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON, LARGE NUMBERS OF  
13   PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE TOGETHER WHO ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT FOR A  
14   PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THEY TAKE PLACE INDOORS AND  
15   OUTDOORS, AND OFTENTIMES THERE IS LIMITED OR NO USE OF FACE  
16   COVERINGS. AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE SUPER SPREADER EVENTS THAT  
17   ARE OF A LOT OF CONCERNS ARE THOSE THAT ARE REALLY SOCIAL  
18   GATHERINGS, WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT NEEDING TO BE TOGETHER,  
19   EXCEPT FOR THEIR DESIRE TO GATHER WITH EACH OTHER, AND, GIVEN  
20   WHAT I'VE JUST SAID ABOUT THE PROLONGED PERIODS OF TIME, THEY  
21   OFTEN HAPPEN INDOORS AS WELL AS OUTDOORS AND THAT THERE IS  
22   LITTLE DISTANCING OR USE OF FACE COVERINGS. THESE BECOME  
23   OPPORTUNITIES WHERE IT IS VERY EASY FOR EVEN A VERY SMALL  
24   NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO LARGE NUMBERS OF  
25   PEOPLE. OUR CURRENT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, WHICH IS IN

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1 COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE'S REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER, DOES  
2 PROHIBIT ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GATHERINGS AND EVENTS WITH  
3 PEOPLE FROM MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD, EXCEPT FOR HOUSES OF  
4 WORSHIP AND POLITICAL PROTESTS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY,  
5 OBVIOUSLY, WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS OFTENTIMES EASIEST FOR  
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH A SITE BEFORE AN EVENT SO  
7 THAT, IN FACT, THAT SITE CAN RECEIVE INFORMATION. WE  
8 OFTENTIMES ALSO ACCOMPANY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GIVE THIS  
9 NOTIFICATION. AND WE'VE GIVEN, YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE L.A.  
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE HAVE ABOUT  
11 STRATEGIES FOR MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE GOOD INFORMATION  
12 AHEAD OF TIME. THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, L.A. COUNTY  
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DOES HAVE ENFORCEMENT POWERS. WE CAN, IN  
14 FACT, WE ARE ONLY LIMITED TO ISSUING CITATIONS AT SITES THAT  
15 ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, AND  
16 OBVIOUSLY THIS HAS WORKED BEST WHEN WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERING  
17 WITH THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FOR OTHER CITIES WHEN  
18 WE'VE PARTNERED WITH THEIR POLICE FORCES AS WELL IN TERMS OF  
19 TRYING TO GET THE EVENTS SHUT DOWN. THE BEST STRATEGY IS  
20 ALWAYS TO SHUT THEM DOWN BEFORE THEY START. WITH THAT, I WILL  
21 STOP. I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. WHAT WE TRY TO DO  
24 HERE IN THIS SESSION IS TO HEAR FROM THE PANELISTS FIRST, AND  
25 THEN I'LL RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS. SO, LET'S TRY TO KEEP ON

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1 TARGET, AND I'M SURE QUESTIONS WILL COME UP. THANK YOU. SO

2 LET'S GO TO DR. GHALY. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

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4 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, HI, SUPERVISORS. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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8 **DR. GHALY:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. SO I WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF  
9 UPDATE ON THE HOSPITALIZATIONS IN THE COUNTY AND WITHIN D.H.S.  
10 AND THEN I'LL TOUCH BRIEFLY ON TESTING AND VACCINATIONS.  
11 ACROSS THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE NEARING 8,000  
12 HOSPITALIZATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH COVID. WITHIN D.H.S., OUR  
13 CURRENT SENSE IS, AS OF THIS MORNING, FOR COVID POSITIVE  
14 PATIENTS WAS AT 550. OVER HALF OF ALL OF OUR PATIENTS HAVE  
15 COVID, AND OVER 3/4 OF OUR PATIENTS WE ARE CARING FOR IN OUR  
16 INTENSIVE CARE UNITS, OR I.C.U.S, HAVE COVID. THIS IS REALLY  
17 VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN HOSPITALS ACROSS THE  
18 COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW, STAFFING REMAINS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM. WE  
19 HAVE ADDRESSED THAT THROUGH A NUMBER OF WAYS WITHIN D.H.S. AND  
20 ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS THAT DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BRING  
21 IN CONTRACT AND REGISTRY STAFF, HAVE INCREASED THE RATES ON  
22 THOSE CONTRACTS SO WE CAN TRY TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE. THERE'S A  
23 LOT OF COMPETITION FOR THOSE STAFF RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE  
24 SUBMITTED RESOURCE REQUESTS THROUGH THE M.O.A.C. TO THE STATE,  
25 JUST AS MANY PRIVATE HOSPITALS HAVE. TO DATE, WE RECEIVED 36

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1 CONTRACT NURSES FROM THE STATE. WE ALSO ARE DUE TO RECEIVE TWO  
2 20 PERSON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TEAMS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE  
3 DEPLOYED AT HARBOR AND ONE OF WHICH WILL BE DEPLOYED AT  
4 L.A.C.+U.S.C. THEY ARE DUE TO ARRIVE BY WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY.  
5 THERE ARE ALSO I BELIEVE FIVE PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN THE REGION  
6 WHO ARE ALSO DUE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HEALTH TEAMS TO HELP  
7 SUPPORT THE STAFFING. AND THE MAIN THING WE HAVE DONE TO  
8 SUPPORT STAFFING, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN VERY -- A LOT OF EFFORTS  
9 AROUND OUT PATIENT REDEPLOYMENTS. WE HAVE CLOSED FIVE OF OUR  
10 OUT PATIENT CLINICS. WE'VE REDUCED HOURS AND SERVICES AT ALL  
11 OF THE REMAINING CLINICS, INCLUDING BOTH THE STANDALONE  
12 CLINICS IN THE AMBULATORY CARE NETWORK AND ALSO THE HOSPITAL  
13 BASED CLINICS. AS OF THIS MORNING, WE HAVE COMPLETED 833  
14 REDEPLOYMENTS OF PRIMARILY NURSING STAFF TO THE HOSPITALS TO  
15 PROVIDE SERVICES ON THE IN PATIENT UNITS IN THE EMERGENCY  
16 DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS TO SUPPORT THE 8 QUARANTINE AND  
17 ISOLATION SITES THAT ARE BEING RUN BY D.H.S.'S HOUSING FOR  
18 HEALTH UNIT AND THE CLINICAL SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE  
19 Q. & I. SITES. OF THOSE 833 REDEPLOYMENTS, 630 OF THEM ARE  
20 REGISTERED NURSES, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE REST ARE LICENSED  
21 VOCATIONAL NURSES, NURSING ATTENDANTS, CERTIFIED MEDICAL  
22 ASSISTANTS, AND OTHER STAFF. PHYSICAL SPACE AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
23 IS GENERALLY NOT OUR LIMITING FACTOR, BUT WE DO HAVE SOME  
24 VARIOUS ISSUES JUST LIKE OTHER HOSPITALS HAVE THAT WE ARE  
25 WORKING THROUGH. TWO OF OUR HOSPITALS ARE OLDER AND ARE HAVING

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1 SOME INFRASTRUCTURE AND PIPING ISSUES RELATED TO OXYGEN  
2 DELIVERY. OLIVE VIEW HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE THEIR ISSUE,  
3 WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY FREEZING OF THE OXYGEN IN THE PIPES.  
4 HARBOR IS STILL WORKING THROUGH THE OXYGEN DELIVERY ISSUE,  
5 WHICH A FLOW PROBLEM, NOT SO MUCH A FREEZING OR PRESSURE  
6 PROBLEM. THIS IS NOT CREATING ANY URGENT ISSUES, NO URGENT  
7 PATIENT CARE ISSUES, BUT IT DOES PROVIDE SOME LIMITATIONS  
8 INTO WHICH PHYSICAL SPACES WITHIN HARBOR WE CAN USE TO KEEP  
9 PATIENTS, AND SO THAT PRESENTS A DIFFERENT HOST OF CHALLENGES  
10 AS THE CENSUS NUMBERS INCREASE. WE ARE WORKING WITH D.P.W.,  
11 AND WE ARE ALSO PENDING AN ASSESSMENT BY THE ARMY CORPS OF  
12 ENGINEERS. SUPPLIES ARE GENERALLY DOING FINE. OUR SUPPLY CHAIN  
13 TEAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO TROUBLESHOOT ISSUES, AND WE ARE ABLE TO  
14 MOVE SUPPLIES ACROSS THE SYSTEM AS NEEDED. WE'VE ORDERED MORE  
15 VENTILATORS, MORE BIPAP MACHINES, MORE HIGH FLOW OXYGEN  
16 DEVICES, AND WE ARE ABLE TO, AS I MENTIONED, REDISTRIBUTE THEM  
17 WITH NO URGENT PROBLEMS THAT ARE AFFECTING PATIENT CARE, AND  
18 WE DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO  
19 COME. FOR VACCINATIONS, WE HAVE, AS OF YESTERDAY, VACCINATED  
20 OVER 13,000 OF THE FRONTLINE D.H.S. WORKFORCE THAT ARE  
21 PROVIDING PATIENT CARE, WORKING IN PATIENT CARE AREAS. ABOUT  
22 75 TO 80 PERCENT OF OUR STAFF ON THE FRONTLINE ARE ACCEPTING  
23 VACCINATION, AND THAT IS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED  
24 BEFORE WITH INFLUENZA VACCINATION IN TERMS OF THE DECLINATION  
25 RATE. COUNTY-WIDE FOR ALL HOSPITALS, THE ISSUES ARE REALLY THE



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1 SAME. A LOT OF THEM -- ALL HOSPITALS ARE WORKING THROUGH  
2 STAFFING ISSUES. MANY ARE WORKING THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
3 OXYGEN SUPPLY ISSUES, WHICH ARE COMPLICATED AND NUMEROUS.  
4 THERE ARE NO HOSPITALS YET IN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE DECLARED  
5 CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE, AND THERE ARE NO HOSPITALS AS OF  
6 THIS MORNING THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON INTERNAL DISASTER. THERE  
7 ARE VERY LONG OFFLOAD TIMES, THOUGH, IN MANY HOSPITALS, AND  
8 THIS CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR THE E.M.S. SYSTEM, WHICH  
9 IS DOING A VARIETY OF THINGS TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF PATIENTS  
10 INTO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND TO WORK TO GET THE  
11 AMBULANCES BACK OUT ON THE STREETS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO  
12 911 CALLS. IN TERMS OF THE RISKS TO THE HOSPITALS, THERE ARE  
13 SEVERAL THINGS. ONE IS ALL HOSPITALS, INCLUDING OURS, ARE  
14 EXPERIENCING A LARGE NUMBER OF CALL OUTS FROM STAFF. STAFF ARE  
15 OUT ON QUARANTINE OR ISOLATION THEMSELVES. JUST AS  
16 TRANSMISSION INCREASES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, HEALTHCARE  
17 WORKERS GET SICK, TOO. WE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED HIGHER RATE OF  
18 COVID POSITIVITY AMONG OUR WORKFORCE IN HEALTHCARE THAN IN THE  
19 GENERAL POPULATION, BUT THEY ARE STILL IN THE GENERAL  
20 POPULATION, SO THEY GET COVID JUST THE SAME AS ANYONE ELSE.  
21 VACCINATION WILL HELP THIS, AND SO WE ARE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW,  
22 AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED VACCINATION, BUT RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ONLY  
23 FOR FRONTLINE STAFF, SO WE STILL ARE FACING CRITICAL CALL OUTS  
24 FROM STAFF THAT AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE RIGHT NOW, AND  
25 THAT INCLUDES SUPPLY CHAIN, POWER PLANT, PEOPLE FIXING THE

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1 OXYGEN SYSTEM, AND OTHER AREAS. THE OTHER MAJOR CHALLENGE THAT  
2 ALL HEALTH FIELDS ARE HAVING IS DISCHARGES. RIGHT NOW, WITHIN  
3 D.H.S., ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF OUR IN PATIENTS NO LONGER NEED AN  
4 ACUTE LEVEL OF HOSPITAL CARE. WE ARE HAVING A NUMBER OF  
5 PROBLEMS IN DELAYS IN MOVING THEM OUT TO THESE LOWER LEVEL OF  
6 CARE SETTINGS. I DO WANT TO THANK DR. FERRER AND THE D.P.H.  
7 TEAM FOR DIRECTING THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES TO ACCEPT  
8 COVID PATIENTS EVEN DURING THEIR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION  
9 PHASE. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THIS IN THE FUTURE WILL HELP FREE UP  
10 BEDS, BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE MOVEMENT YET, AND WE ARE STILL  
11 WORKING A VARIETY OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RELATED ISSUES  
12 OF REFUSING PATIENTS OR PLANS WHO ARE DENYING PRIOR  
13 AUTHORIZATION FOR MOVEMENT OF THE PATIENTS. SOMETIMES THE  
14 PATIENTS THEMSELVES DO NOT WANT TO BE MOVED TO A LOWER LEVEL  
15 OF CARE, AND STATE LAW PROHIBITS US MOVING UNLESS THE PATIENT  
16 AGREES TO THE PLACEMENT. S.N.F.S, AS WELL AS OTHER LOWER LEVEL  
17 OF CARE AREAS, ARE FACING STAFFING SHORTAGES, AND THAT'S  
18 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THEY CAN TAKE AS WELL. FOR THE  
19 UNINSURED PATIENTS, D.H.S. HAS EXECUTED LETTERS OF AGREEMENT  
20 DIRECTLY WITH L.T.A.C. FACILITIES AND SKILLED NURSING  
21 FACILITIES SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THE UNINSURED EVEN THROUGH THEY  
22 DON'T HAVE A COVERAGE SOURCE. DIALYSIS REMAINS A BIG  
23 CHALLENGE. OUT PATIENT DIALYSIS FACILITIES ARE SENDING  
24 PATIENTS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY NEED DIALYSIS  
25 RATHER THAN DOING IT ON SITE. THEY ARE SENDING PATIENTS TO

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1 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS FOR COVID TESTING RATHER THAN DOING IT  
2 ON SITE. HOSPITALS ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS DISCHARGING  
3 PATIENTS FROM IN PATIENT UNITS BECAUSE THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT  
4 OUT PATIENT DIALYSIS CHAIRS AVAILABLE AND THERE IS NO WAIVER  
5 AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT ON THE IN PATIENT BASIS. AND  
6 DIALYSIS FACILITIES, I BELIEVE, ARE ALSO STRUGGLING WITH  
7 STAFFING SHORTAGES. OXYGEN, AS YOU KNOW, IS A NUMBER OF  
8 PROBLEMS. THERE ARE SHORTAGES OF CANISTERS AND CONDENSERS THAT  
9 ARE NEEDED FOR THE PORTABLE OXYGEN FOR PATIENTS AT HOME, AS  
10 WELL AS FOR TRANSPORT AROUND THE HOSPITAL AND FOR USE IN TENTS  
11 THAT ARE SET UP OUTSIDE OF HOSPITALS. A NUMBER OF THE VENDORS  
12 ARE HAVING AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF STAFF AND DRIVERS NEED TO  
13 REFILL THE PORTABLE OXYGEN CONTAINERS. WE, AS WELL AS OTHER  
14 HOSPITAL SYSTEMS AND THE STATE, ARE TRYING TO WORK THROUGH AND  
15 TROUBLESHOOT THESE ISSUES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN YOU  
16 ARE AWARE OF THE ISSUES ON PATIENT -- ON FLOW OF OXYGEN THAT  
17 VARIOUS ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ARE  
18 MANAGING WITHIN SPECIFIC HOSPITALS. I WILL SHIFT JUST BRIEFLY  
19 TO TESTING AND THEN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. WE HAVE A  
20 HOME TESTING HOME TEST COLLECTION KIT PILOT THAT WE HAD BEGUN  
21 IN DECEMBER AND HAD PLANNED TO RUN THROUGH AT LEAST JANUARY  
22 15TH. WE WILL BE EXTENDING THAT DATE PAST JANUARY 15TH. WE  
23 ABSOLUTELY DO NOT WANT TO END THE PILOT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS  
24 SURGE. WE STILL ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH PATIENTS NOT MAILING  
25 BACK THE TEST KITS IN A TIMELY MANNER, SO WE ARE LOOKING TO

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1 TRY TO INCREASE THAT RATE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC IF YOU  
2 DO RECEIVE A TEST KIT AND ORDER ONE THROUGH THE MAIL THAT YOU  
3 USE IT PROMPTLY AND MAIL IT BACK. I KNOW THERE ARE SOME DELAYS  
4 IN THE SHIPMENT PROCESS THROUGH THE POSTAL SERVICE CARRIERS  
5 THAT IS ALSO CAUSING DELAYS, BUT WE ARE HOPING AFTER THE  
6 CHRISTMAS SEASON HAS PASSED THAT THOSE DELAYS WILL CLEAR UP.  
7 WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF LAUNCHING ADDITIONAL MOBILE  
8 TESTING SITES. WE HAVE TWO THAT ARE OPERATING AT 1500 TESTS  
9 PER DAY EACH. ONE IN SAN GABRIEL, AND ONE IN EAST L.A. NEAR --  
10 EASTERN PART OF L.A. NEAR WHITTIER. ANOTHER ONE IS STARTING ON  
11 FRIDAY. THERE'S ALSO A NUMBER OF STATE-OPERATED AND CITY-  
12 OPERATED TESTING SITES, AND WE WORK IN VERY CLOSE  
13 COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY TO DISTRIBUTE OUT THOSE MOBILE  
14 TESTING OPTIONS IN A DISTRIBUTED MANNER ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE  
15 ARE ALSO LOOKING AT LAUNCHING MORE WALK-UP KIOSKS. THIS IS  
16 SOMETHING THAT WE THINK COULD BE HELPFUL TO INCREASE WALK-UP  
17 VOLUME FOR PATIENTS. IT WOULD BE WALK UP, SWAB ON SITE, AND  
18 DROP OFF. WE WILL BE LAUNCHING MORE OF THOSE IN THE NEXT  
19 COUPLE OF WEEKS. I THINK THAT'S IT, BUT HAPPY TO TAKE  
20 QUESTIONS.

21  
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR  
23 ACTING C.E.O.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, MADAM  
2 CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO I WANTED TO  
3 TALK A LITTLE BIT, THERE WERE QUESTIONS FROM THE DECEMBER 8TH  
4 BOARD MEETING RELATED TO FUNDING THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO  
5 SUPPORT OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS. AND, BEFORE I START THAT,  
6 PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION, I THINK IT IS HELPFUL TO PROVIDE  
7 SOME CONTEXT. SO BACK IN DECEMBER, WHICH WAS JUST A MONTH AGO,  
8 WE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER -- WHETHER AND WHEN THE NEXT STIMULUS  
9 PACKAGE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. MY OFFICE RECEIVED FROM DR.  
10 FERRER'S TEAM AN ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR VACCINE ROLL OUT IN THE  
11 RANGE OF ABOUT \$218 MILLION. THAT IS AN ESTIMATED FIGURE FOR  
12 THE LOGISTICS RELATED TO LOGISTICS, AND DISTRIBUTION, STAFFING  
13 COSTS, ETC., FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, CALENDAR YEAR, OF 2021. NOT  
14 KNOWING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, MY  
15 OFFICE IDENTIFIED SOME BRIDGE FUNDING FOR D.P.H. IN THE AMOUNT  
16 OF \$30 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO  
17 START THE PLANNING THAT WAS NEEDED TO GET THE VACCINE  
18 DISTRIBUTED, FOR US TO RECEIVE IT, TO DO THE PLANNING, AND TO  
19 DO THE LOGISTICS AROUND ITS DISTRIBUTION. SO WE ARE NOW  
20 WORKING WITH D.P.H. THEY ARE USING THAT BRIDGE FUNDING. WE  
21 KNOW THAT SINCE THAT TIME, ON DECEMBER 27TH, THE PRESIDENT  
22 SIGNED A \$900 BILLION COVID RELIEF PACKAGE. WITHIN THAT \$900  
23 BILLION, THERE'S APPROXIMATELY \$8.8 BILLION IDENTIFIED FOR  
24 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. AND OF THAT \$8.8 BILLION, ABOUT \$4.5  
25 BILLION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED TO BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO STATES

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1 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS VIA A FUNDING FORMULA. SO ON THIS  
2 FUNDING, WE ARE EXPECTING A PORTION OF IT, ABOUT \$1 BILLION,  
3 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE THE ENACTMENT OF  
4 THE COVID RELIEF PACKAGE. MY TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE  
5 STATE TO TRY TO DETERMINE HOW THE FORMULA WILL BE DEVELOPED IN  
6 TERMS OF ALLOWING AND ENABLING THE MONEY TO BE ALLOCATED TO  
7 LOCALITIES HERE WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND SO, WE ARE  
8 VERY HOPEFUL THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL RECEIVE ITS FAIR  
9 SHARE OF THIS FUNDING SO WE CAN CONTINUE WITH A ROBUST AND  
10 VIGOROUS ROLL OUT OF THE VACCINE. I THINK, ALSO, IT IS  
11 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT  
12 HE WOULD SUBMIT A \$300 MILLION BUDGET PROPOSAL TO THE STATE  
13 LEGISLATURE LATER THIS WEEK TO SUPPORT VACCINATION EFFORTS.  
14 AND THOSE EFFORTS WOULD INCLUDE FUNDING FOR LOGISTICS, PUBLIC  
15 EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, AND OTHER NEEDS. AGAIN, WE DON'T HAVE THE  
16 DETAILS AVAILABLE. THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE HIS  
17 BUDGET ON FRIDAY, THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH. WITH THAT SAID,  
18 THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR FUTURE COVID AID  
19 NEEDS. WE KNOW THE MOST RECENT STIMULUS PACKAGE WAS REALLY  
20 FOCUSED ON VACCINATION. HOWEVER, YOUR BOARD HAS IDENTIFIED A  
21 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE OVER 50  
22 C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDED PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND TO  
23 SUPPORT BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID. SO WE ARE  
24 ANXIOUSLY AWAITING, AND WE ARE OPTIMISTIC WITH THE NEW  
25 PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION 0 THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL

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1 STIMULUS PACKAGE FORTHCOMING VERY SOON. AND THEN, I'D LIKE TO  
2 SPEAK JUST BRIEFLY ON THE FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
3 ON SUPER SPREADER SITES. THAT WAS ALSO A REQUEST FROM THE  
4 DECEMBER 8TH MEETING. SUPERVISORS, SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING  
5 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE  
6 HAVE ASKED THEM TO DO IS TO IDENTIFY A CODE THAT THEY CAN USE  
7 TO TRACK ALL OF THEIR TIME, WHETHER IT'S STRAIGHT PAY TIME OR  
8 OVERTIME PAY, AS THEY WORK THESE EVENTS. AND SO, WE HAVE  
9 RECEIVED SOME EARLY ESTIMATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT THUS FAR. WE  
10 KNOW UP THROUGH ABOUT DECEMBER 28TH OR 29TH, THEY HAVE  
11 EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY \$81,000, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THE  
12 DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED A NUMBER LARGE EVENTS AND PARTIES THAT  
13 HAVE OCCURRED BOTH RIGHT BEFORE, DURING, AND I BELIEVE RIGHT  
14 AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY. SO WE KNOW THAT THAT NUMBER IS  
15 GOING TO INCREASE. WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL  
16 COSTS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON A FLOW BASIS, AND SO  
17 THAT IS WHY THE TRACKING OF THE COSTS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND  
18 WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING  
19 SOURCE TO MAKE SURE THOSE COSTS ARE COVERED. WHAT WE DON'T  
20 WANT TO DO IS HAMPER THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THOSE COSTS,  
21 I'M SORRY, TO RESPOND TO THOSE EVENTS AS THEY DEEM  
22 APPROPRIATE. AND IF THERE ARE, ACTUALLY, I WILL GO AHEAD AND  
23 ALSO TOUCH ON, SUPERVISORS, ONE OF THE OTHER REQUESTS FROM THE  
24 DECEMBER 8TH MEETING WAS RELATED TO MESSAGING. AND SO, I  
25 BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALONG WITH HEALTH



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1 SERVICES AND OUR JOINT INFORMATION CENTER, WE HAVE DONE A LOT  
2 IN THE AREAS OF MESSAGING RELATED TO COVID, TRYING TO SPREAD  
3 THE WORD, TO GET THE WORD OUT, GET THE SAFETY MEASURES OUT  
4 THERE, TO CONTINUALLY KEEP THAT TOP OF MIND FOR THE RESIDENTS  
5 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT NOW WE HAVE TO PIVOT, AND WE  
6 KNOW THAT WE NEED TO REALLY DRILL DOWN AND FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE  
7 OF VACCINATIONS. WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO DO SOME EDUCATION.  
8 THERE ARE SOME OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO MAY NOT BE  
9 INTERESTED OR MAY EVEN BE FEARFUL OF TAKING A VACCINE. SO WE  
10 KNOW THAT, IN MANY OF THOSE CASES, EDUCATION IS KEY. SO RATHER  
11 THAN TRY TO RE-INVENT THE WHEEL HERE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
12 WE ARE WORKING WITH D.P.H. ON, D.P.H. IS THE LEAD ON  
13 MESSAGING, AND THE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER, WHICH IS  
14 COMPRISED OF P.I.O.S FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BUT  
15 THE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER WORKS TO AMPLIFY THE MESSAGING  
16 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS  
17 THAT WE KNOW WE NEED TO DO WITH THE VACCINATION IS THERE ARE  
18 CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF OUR EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS PLAN THAT WE  
19 PROBABLY NEED TO LEVERAGE MORE. ONE OF THE EXAMPLES OF THAT  
20 WOULD BE OUR LOCAL INFLUENCERS. WE HAVE A LOT OF INFLUENCERS  
21 IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT CARRY A LOT  
22 OF MORAL AUTHORITY AND WEIGHT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH THE  
23 RESIDENTS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES. AND WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB  
24 OF LEVERAGING OUR LOCAL INFLUENCERS TO HELP US SPREAD THE WORD  
25 RELATED TO VACCINATION. WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE

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1 DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN IN TERMS OF PARTNERSHIPS,  
2 PARTICULARLY PARTNERSHIPS ON THE HYPERLOCAL LEVEL, AND A GOOD  
3 EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE OUR CHURCHES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
4 HOST OUR VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENTS, AND THE VIRTUAL TOWN HALL  
5 EVENTS SEEM TO BE VERY HELPFUL, NOT NECESSARILY FOR THAT  
6 INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT FOR DIFFERENT  
7 INDUSTRIES, LIKE OUR RESTAURANTS OR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS OR  
8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ETC. SO WHAT WE WANT TO DO AND WHAT WE  
9 INTEND TO DO MOVING FORWARD ON THE MESSAGING AND THE  
10 COMMUNICATION OF THE VACCINATION EFFORT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT  
11 WE ARE BEING MULTIMEDIA, MULTIDIGITAL, AND THE PURPOSE OF  
12 DOING THAT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE REACHING DEEPER INTO  
13 THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT WE KNOW MAY HAVE CHALLENGES WITH EITHER  
14 UNDERSTANDING OR HAVING ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE THE  
15 DECISION RELATED TO THE VACCINE. THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS,  
16 SUPERVISORS, AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU  
17 MAY HAVE.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN  
20 TIMELY BUT GOOD INFORMATION. AND I'M JUST GOING TO LET THE  
21 BOARD MEMBERS KNOW THE ORDER THAT WE WILL BE SPEAKING. SO WE  
22 WILL START WITH MYSELF, THEN WE WILL GO TO DISTRICT 4, AND  
23 THEN 5, AND THEN 3, AND THEN 2. I WILL GO QUICKLY. JUST WANT  
24 TO BASICALLY SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU, DR. FERRER, GHALY,  
25 AND FESIA, FOR YOUR HARD WORK REALLY HELPING US GET THROUGH ON

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1 OUR MESSAGING HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS, PREPARING OUR HOSPITALS AS  
2 WELL AND MAKING THE TESTS AVAILABLE, WHICH CONTINUES TO  
3 IMPRESS ME AND OUR COLLABORATION WITH GROUPS LIKE CORE THAT WE  
4 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO POP-UP TESTING, WHICH IS WONDERFUL. I  
5 HOPE WE CAN UTILIZE THAT SAME STRUCTURE SO WE CAN DISSEMINATE  
6 THE VACCINE WHEN IT IS TIME AND READY TO GET OUT IN THOSE HARD  
7 TO REACH COMMUNITIES. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO STAFF  
8 FOR WORKING ON THE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES, WHICH AGAIN  
9 CONTINUES TO BE OF GREAT CONCERN FOR US WITH THE HOMELESS  
10 POPULATION AND PEOPLE THAT NEED A PLACE TO ISOLATE. WITH  
11 RESPECT TO OUTREACH, FESIA, I THINK YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON THE  
12 NOSE. I WOULD INCLUDE PRINT, ETHNIC MEDIA PRINT, AND ALSO  
13 RADIO IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES BECAUSE, FOR MANY, THAT'S THEIR  
14 ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, IN TERMS OF NEWS, RADIO. SO I  
15 WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO DO THAT, AND I KNOW WE ARE HAPPY TO DO  
16 THAT. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE TWO VARIANTS THAT WE ARE HEARING  
17 ABOUT, THE U.K. AND SOUTH AFRICA, JUST BECAUSE THE SPREAD  
18 RIGHT NOW IS SO ASTRONOMICALLY HIGH IN SOME OF OUR DISTRICTS.  
19 I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO REMIND THE BOARD OF THAT, BUT THE  
20 MESSAGE I STILL CONTINUES TO HAVE TO BE THAT, BEFORE WE CAN  
21 PROVIDE ECONOMIC RECOVERY, WE HAVE TO GET WELL. AND WE CANNOT  
22 OVERWHELM OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND OUR STAFF, AND OUR STAFF  
23 REALLY DO NEED HELP. OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND REALLY THOSE  
24 IN OPERATING OUR S.N.F.S, CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND HOW READILY  
25 WE CAN GET D.P.H. STAFF OUT THERE TO MAKE SURE WE GET THEM THE

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1 VACCINE. I HEAR THEY MAY HAVE TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT TO  
2 PICK UP SUPPLIES, IN THAT CASE, AND I WOULD LAKE LIKE TO SEE  
3 IF WE CAN TRY GET THAT DONE EXPEDITIOUSLY. I KNOW SOME OF US  
4 HAVE BEEN RECEIVING LETTERS ON THAT. BUT AGAIN, JUST WANT TO  
5 SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. THAT IS REALLY MY COMMENT, BUT  
6 ALSO THERE ARE QUESTIONS THERE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK PUBLIC  
7 HEALTH AND THE SHERIFF FOR HELPING US ADDRESS THE SUPER  
8 SPREADER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE HAPPENING THERE THOUGH  
9 PREVENTATIVE, SO MORE MESSAGING COMES OUT. MAYBE THAT'S WHERE  
10 WE CAN USE SOME INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE LIKE A DANNY TREJO SOME  
11 OTHER FOLKS THAT CAN BE OUT THERE TALKING ABOUT HOW IT IS  
12 IMPORTANT TO NOT PROMOTE THESE SUPER SPREADERS AND KNOW WHO TO  
13 CALL AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT. SO THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS, IF  
14 BARBARA OR DR. GHALY, OR FESIA, IF YOU WANT TO QUICKLY  
15 COMMENT, AND THEN WE WILL QUICKLY GO TO THE NEXT BOARD OFFICE,  
16 AND THAT IS SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, ACTING C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS  
19 FESIA. SO WE WILL -- THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK  
20 WITH DR. FERRER'S TEAM AND THE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER, AND  
21 WE WILL HAVE A RENEWED FOCUS ON TRYING TO SECURE LOCAL  
22 INFLUENCERS. WE THINK THAT IN MANY WAYS, THEY ARE THE KEY TO  
23 GETTING NOT ONLY THE MESSAGE OUT, BUT GETTING THE COMMUNITY TO  
24 ACCEPT IT. THANK YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. DR. FERRER, OR GHALY, DO YOU HAVE  
2    ANYTHING TO ADD?

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4    **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. ONE THING I DID  
5    WANT TO ADD, AS WE ROLL OUT VACCINATION EFFORTS ACROSS OUR  
6    MANY COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE VACCINE IS IN SCARCE SUPPLY RIGHT  
7    NOW, WE REALLY WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP IN SORT OF THE  
8    MESSAGING THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR AN  
9    APPOINTMENT IF, IN FACT, YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA  
10   RIGHT NOW. AT ONE OF THE SITES THAT WAS OPEN YESTERDAY, WE HAD  
11   OVER 150 PEOPLE SHOW UP. THEY WEREN'T HEALTHCARE WORKERS.  
12   PEOPLE ARE SPREADING MISINFORMATION, YOU CAN GO HERE GET  
13   VACCINATED. AND GIVEN THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE IN SORT OF WHAT  
14   I CALL VACCINE SCARCITY FOR WEEKS TO COME, WE WANT TO REASSURE  
15   EVERYONE, WE WILL GET VACCINE INTO THE ARMS OF EVERY SINGLE  
16   PERSON THAT WANTS TO GET VACCINATED, BUT WE DO NEED TO HONOR  
17   THE PRIORITIZATION RIGHT NOW, AND WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT  
18   PEOPLE BE PATIENT AND WAIT, PARTICULARLY RIGHT NOW, WHERE IT  
19   IS SO HARD UNTIL WE GET ALL OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT ARE  
20   WORKING ON THE FRONT LINE VACCINATED.

21

22   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO BARBARA, JUST AS A SUGGESTION, MAYBE YOU  
23   CAN DO A RUNNING CHART ON THAT AS YOU MAKE YOUR PRESENTATIONS  
24   ON YOUR DAILY BASIS TO SHOW WHAT GROUPS WE ARE LOOKING AT  
25   RIGHT NOW. THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. YOU HAVE SOME GREAT CHARTS

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1 THAT YOU USE AND JUST SHARING THAT WITH THE PUBLIC I THINK IS  
2 VERY POWERFUL.

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY GREAT. YES, THAT IS A GREAT SUGGESTION, AND  
5 WE WILL DO THAT. WE ARE GOING TO JUST NEED A LOT OF HELP WITH  
6 THIS BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE -- WE ARE HAPPY, ACTUALLY. I THINK  
7 IT IS A VERY POSITIVE SIGN THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE READY TO  
8 GET VACCINATED. WE KNOW THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE AMONGST  
9 THOSE HESITANT, BUT WE ARE GOING TO ASK FOR PATIENCE AS WE GET  
10 TO HIGHER PRIORITY GROUPS.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. OKAY WITH THAT,  
13 THEN LET'S TURN TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, BARGER, KUEHL, AND THEN  
14 MITCHELL IN THAT ORDER. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER,  
17 DR. GHALY, FOR TODAY'S UPDATES. THAT WAS A LOT OF  
18 INFORMATION, AND I KNOW I'M THE ONE THAT ASKED FOR THIS SET  
19 ITEM WHEN WE MEET ON TUESDAYS. I'M WONDERING, JUST FOR THE  
20 SAKE OF INFORMATION OVERLOAD, IF IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THE  
21 PRESENTERS DID POWERPOINTS FOR THIS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
22 MEETING. I THINK THAT WOULD HELP THE PUBLIC WHO MAYBE COULD  
23 WATCH IT. IT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP ME. I KNOW IF THIS WAS T.V.,  
24 I WOULD HAVE REWOUND IT SEVERAL TIMES TO REHEAR THE REALLY  
25 IMPORTANT FACTS YOU GAVE OUT. SO THINK ABOUT. I KNOW IT WOULD

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1 BE HELPFUL TO ME IF WE HAD POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS THAT WENT  
2 ALONG WITH THESE PRESENTATIONS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY. WHILE IT  
3 IS CLEAR THAT THIS SURGE IS PUSHING ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS IN  
4 L.A. COUNTY TO THEIR BREAKING POINT, THIS REALLY IS  
5 DEVASTATING. I KNOW WE ARE WORKING TO BRING EVERY POSSIBLE  
6 RESOURCE TO BEAR THAT WE CAN TO SAVE LIVES. I DO THINK A LOT  
7 OF PEOPLE ARE WONDERING WHY WE AREN'T DOING SOME OF THE THINGS  
8 THAT WE DO EARLY ON IN THE PANDEMIC TO DEAL WITH THE SURGE. WE  
9 REOPENED SAINT VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER. WE PREPARED FIELD  
10 HOSPITALS AT THE CONVENTION CENTERS. I KNOW THERE WAS ONE IN  
11 LONG BEACH. WE EVEN OF COURSE BROUGHT THE U.S.N.S. MERCY  
12 HOSPITAL SHIP HERE. STAFFING IS CLEARLY THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE  
13 WE FACE, BUT WE ARE SEEING ON THE NEWS REPORTS OF PATIENTS  
14 TREATED IN HOSPITAL GIFT SHOPS, CONFERENCE ROOMS. SO IT LOOKS  
15 LIKE WE ALSO NEED MORE BEDS. LAST WEEK, I JOINED WITH  
16 S.E.I.U.721 IN THEIR EFFORT TO CALL ON THE GOVERNOR AND THE  
17 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BRING IN NATIONAL GUARD MEDICAL STAFF TO  
18 OUR HOSPITALS. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE ALSO CALLED ON OUR NAVY TO  
19 SEND THE MERCY OR THE COMFORT BACK WITH ITS FULL MEDICAL TEAM  
20 TO OUR PORT TO HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THESE BURDENS, BUT  
21 CLEARLY, DR. GHALY AND DR. FERRER, BOTH OF YOU HAVE BEEN  
22 FEARING AND WARNING US ABOUT THIS SURGE AND THIS CRISIS. IT'S  
23 HERE NOW, AS WE CAN SEE, AND WE REALLY NEED ALL THE HELP WE  
24 CAN GET. I AM GOING ASK TWO QUESTIONS TO DR. GHALY, FIRST  
25 ABOUT HOSPITALS, AND THEN DR. FERRER, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS



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1 ABOUT THE VACCINES. DR. GHALY, IS IT TRUE THAT OUR HOSPITALS  
2 IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE STARTED TO RATION CARE?

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** HI, SUPERVISOR, THANKS. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS  
5 AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE REQUESTS THAT WAS CHANNELED  
6 FORWARD TO THE STATE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESOURCES. I DO  
7 BELIEVE THAT HELPED THEM TO DEPLOY SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 DEFENSE AND DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS, OR D.M.A.T.,  
9 TEAMS THAT ARE NOW GOING TO BE DEPLOYED IN A NUMBER OF  
10 HOSPITALS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, ACROSS THE COUNTY AND SUPPORT  
11 ANY EFFORTS TO BRING MORE RESOURCES AND STAFFING INTO  
12 HOSPITALS. ON YOUR DIRECT QUESTION, NO HOSPITALS HAVE DECLARED  
13 CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE. PER AN ALL FACILITIES LETTER FROM  
14 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HOSPITALS ARE  
15 REQUIRED TO DECLARE THEY ARE OPERATING UNDER CRISIS STANDARDS  
16 OF CARE, WHICH IS THE POINT AT WHICH THEY WOULD BE ALLOCATING  
17 SCARCE RESOURCES IN A MANNER IN WHICH THEY WOULD SHIFT FROM  
18 PUTTING ALL THE EFFORT INTO HELPING EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON  
19 VERSUS TAKING A POPULATION HEALTH APPROACH AND TRYING TO SAVE  
20 AS MANY LIVES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WITH A FOCUS ON THOSE WHO  
21 HAVE THE BEST PROGNOSIS. THAT COULD BE REFERRED TO AS  
22 RATIONING, BUT NO HOSPITAL HAS DECLARED THAT THEY HAVE MOVED  
23 TO THAT STAGE. THEY ARE ALL STILL OPERATING UNDER CONTINGENCY  
24 STANDARDS OF CARE.

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THAT IS GOOD NEWS. SO YESTERDAY, DR. GHALY,  
2    COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LONG BEACH REOPENED ITS DOORS AFTER BEING  
3    CLOSED IN 2018, AND THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE IN CRITICALLY ILL  
4    PATIENTS THAT DON'T HAVE COVID-19, MUCH LIKE ONE OF THESE  
5    HOSPITAL SHIPS WOULD DO. WE KNOW THAT'S GOING TO RELIEVE SOME  
6    PRESSURE, ALTHOUGH THEY ONLY HAVE 40 BEDS. ARE THERE PLANS,  
7    DR. GHALY, TO REOPEN CLOSED HOSPITALS LIKE ST. VINCENT MEDICAL  
8    CENTER OR OPEN THESE FIELD HOSPITALS? I KNOW I HAVE BEEN  
9    GETTING MESSAGES FROM NURSES THAT I KNOW DOWN HERE IN SAN  
10   PEDRO WHO ARE WONDERING WHY WE ARE NOT SETTING UP THESE  
11   MILITARY FIELD HOSPITALS THAT COULD BE PRETTY MUCH PUT UP  
12   QUICKLY, LIKE WE DID EARLY ON, AND IF WE DID REOPEN ST.  
13   VINCENT'S OR FIELD HOSPITALS, CAN WE GET THE DOCTORS AND  
14   NURSES TO STAFF THEM?

15

16   **DR. GHALY:** YES, I WAS GLAD THAT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LONG BEACH  
17   WAS ALSO ABLE TO OPEN ITS DOORS. THEY'LL BE ACCEPTING LATERAL  
18   TRANSFERS AND TRANSFERS FOR HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE AND WITH  
19   PLANS TO OPEN AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,  
20   AND SO THAT WILL HELP RELIEVE OFFLOAD FROM SOME OF THE OTHER  
21   HOSPITALS AROUND THE REGION. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE NOT PLANS  
22   THAT I AM AWARE OF TO REOPEN EITHER THE L.A.S.H., THE L.A.  
23   SURGE HOSPITAL, AT THE CAMPUS OF SAINT VINCENT'S OR OTHER  
24   FIELD HOSPITALS, AND IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID, WHICH IS  
25   STAFFING. THE HOSPITALS THEMSELVES CANNOT GET ENOUGH STAFFING

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1 TO TAKE CARE OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE ON THE CAMPUSES, AND SO  
2 IF THERE WAS TO BE A FIELD HOSPITAL OPENED OR ANOTHER NEW  
3 HOSPITAL OPENED, THEY WOULD BE DRAWING ON THE SAME POOLS OF  
4 STAFFING THE HOSPITALS NEED. AND THE SAFEST PLACE STILL FOR  
5 PATIENT CARE IS WITHIN A HOSPITAL, AND OFFICIALLY LICENSED  
6 GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL OF THE WRAP  
7 AROUND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE SAFE PATIENT  
8 CARE. THEY HAVE LABORATORY SERVICES, BLOOD BANK, RADIOLOGY,  
9 OPERATING ROOMS, RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS. THEY HAVE EVERYTHING  
10 THAT IS NEEDED OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE CARE, AND IF THERE ARE  
11 STAFF THAT ARE ABLE TO STAFF UP THE NEW HOSPITAL, IT WOULD BE  
12 BETTER TO DEPLOY THOSE STAFF WITHIN THE GENERAL ACUTE CARE  
13 HOSPITALS RIGHT NOW, SEVERAL OF WHICH STILL HAVE SPACE. WHAT  
14 IS SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU HAVE STATED, WHICH IS SOME OF THESE  
15 LOWER LEVEL OF CARE, YOU KNOW, THE CONVENTION CENTER THAT WAS  
16 OPENED UP OR PUT ON HOLD EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, AND IT IS A  
17 SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT MODEL, BUT STILL SIMILAR IN SPIRIT TO WHAT  
18 THE COUNTY HAS STOOD UP WITH THE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION  
19 SITES. SO HISTORICALLY, THE COUNTY HAS OPERATED FOUR  
20 QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES. THEY ARE MANAGED THROUGH  
21 HOUSING FOR HEALTH WITHIN D.H.S., AND HOUSING FOR HEALTH HAS  
22 OPENED UP FOUR ADDITIONAL FOR A TOTAL OF 8 QUARANTINE AND  
23 ISOLATION SITES. AND THESE SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE AS WHAT THAT  
24 CONVENTION CENTER WAS FOR ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR, WHICH IS  
25 BOTH TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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1 TO SAFELY QUARANTINE AND ISOLATE BUT ALSO CRITICALLY TO  
2 PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR HOSPITALS TO DISCHARGE PATIENTS WHO  
3 DON'T HAVE A HOME TO GO TO, OR CANNOT SAFELY GO HOME, SO THAT  
4 THEY DON'T END UP STAYING IN THE HOSPITAL BEDS. SO FOR A  
5 PATIENT THAT DOESN'T NEED A LICENSED LEVEL OF CARE ANY LONGER,  
6 BUT STILL HAS SOME SORT OF MEDICAL NEEDS RELATED TO COVID,  
7 THESE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES ARE A CRITICAL RESOURCE  
8 TO STILL BEING ABLE TO OFFLOAD THE HOSPITALS, AND THEY ARE  
9 SIMILAR TO THAT CONVENTION CENTER IDEA.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, SO WE ARE NOT REALLY  
12 ADDING BEDS, THOUGH, ANY TIME WE GET EXTRA MEDICAL STAFF, WHAT  
13 YOU'RE SAYING IS THEY ARE RELIEVING OUR OVERWORKED AND  
14 EXHAUSTED CURRENT HOSPITAL WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE SICK  
15 THEMSELVES, BUT WE ARE NOT ADDING BEDS. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **DR. GHALY:** I WOULD SAY WE ARE ADDING BEDS. SO HOSPITALS CANNOT  
18 TURN PATIENTS AWAY, AND THEY CANNOT DISCHARGE PATIENTS AGAINST  
19 THE PATIENT'S WILL OR WITHOUT A RECEIVING FACILITY. SO  
20 HOSPITALS WILL CARE FOR WHATEVER THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS  
21 THERE, AND SO YES, ABSOLUTELY, AS STAFF ARE ADDED, IF THE  
22 HOSPITAL THEN CHOOSES WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED TO ADD BEDS,  
23 AND THAT ADDING OF BEDS HAPPENS NATURALLY JUST BECAUSE IT'S  
24 THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT ARE ADMITTED TO THE FACILITY THAT  
25 REQUIRE CARE OR IN SOME CASES PROVIDING RELIEF TO STAFF.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ADDING BEDS AS THE NEWS IS  
3 REPORTING, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN THE GIFT SHOP AND IN  
4 CONFERENCE ROOMS?

5

6 **DR. GHALY:** THERE'S A FEW HOSPITALS THAT ARE VERY SPACE  
7 CONSTRAINED THAT HAVE DONE THAT. THAT IS NOT TYPICAL. MOST  
8 HOSPITALS ARE USING OTHER LICENSED PATIENT CARE AREAS SUCH AS  
9 RECOVERY ROOMS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS HAVE USED  
10 PREVIOUSLY LICENSED BASED OR CURRENTLY LICENSE BASED AND  
11 OPENED UP PROGRESSIVE CARE UNITS OR INTENSIVE CARE UNITS IN  
12 RECOVERY ROOM AREAS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I WAS UNDERSTANDING THAT FIELD HOSPITALS PUT  
15 UP BY THE MILITARY WOULD COME WITH THEIR OWN STAFFING, AIR  
16 FORCE, ARMY DOCS, NURSES, NATIONAL GUARD, E.M.T.S. I THOUGHT  
17 THEY SORT OF CAME WITH MILITARY STAFF.

18

19 **DR. GHALY:** GENERALLY, THEY DO NOT. THE FIELD MEDICAL STATIONS  
20 COME WITH SUPPLIES ONLY. THEY DO NOT COME WITH STAFF.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO LET ME JUST ASK. I WAS A LITTLE  
23 SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT GOING OUT FOR MORE CONTRACT NURSES, THAT  
24 WE HAD ONLY GOTTEN 36, AND YOU TALKED ABOUT MAKING SURE WE ARE  
25 COMPETITIVE IN WHAT WE'RE PAYING. IS THERE VALUE IN US UPPING

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1 OUR COST AND REALLY INVESTING MORE MONEY TO GET MORE OF THESE  
2 CONTRACT NURSES?

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** THE 36 NURSES I MENTIONED WERE THE RESOURCES THAT  
5 HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE STATE. SO WHEN WE CHANNEL RESOURCE  
6 REQUESTS TO THE STATE FOR REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE, THERE  
7 ARE TWO ROUTES THROUGH WHICH THOSE ARE FULFILLED. ONE IS THE  
8 DEPLOYMENT OF FEDERAL RESOURCES, WHICH ARE THE D.M.A.T. AND  
9 D.O.D. TEAMS, WHICH WE WILL BE RECEIVING IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
10 DAYS, AND THEN THERE'S ALSO JUST TAPPING INTO THE STATE  
11 REGISTRIES, AND THAT'S WHERE WE RECEIVED 36 NURSES. WE  
12 RECEIVED FAR, FAR MORE THROUGH THE LOCAL REGISTRIES AND LOCAL  
13 CONTRACTS THAT D.H.S. ALREADY HAS, AND WE HAVE ALREADY  
14 INCREASED THOSE RATES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN WHATEVER  
15 WAY THAT IS NEEDED TO REMAIN --

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. SO WE ARE WILLING TO BID MORE IF WE NEED TO?  
18 OKAY, THAT IS GOOD TO KNOW. THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, FOR YOUR  
19 WORK. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. NOW, I WAS GOING TO ASK DR.  
20 FERRER A COUPLE OF VACCINE QUESTIONS. SO -- AND YOU REALLY  
21 TALKED A LOT ABOUT IT IS REALLY THE SUPPLY THAT IS PROBABLY  
22 LIMITING US MORE THAN EVER. PRESIDENT TRUMP'S OPERATION WARP  
23 SPEED HAD PROMISED 20 MILLION DOSES IN THE UNITED STATES BY  
24 YEAR END, BUT AS OF JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, I THINK STATES HAVE  
25 ONLY RECEIVED 11 MILLION DOSES, AND ONLY 2 MILLION AMERICANS

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1 HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. NOW, IN TERMS OF OUR DOSES, DR. FERRER,  
2 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AS OF SATURDAY, I THINK YOU SAID WE HAVE  
3 RECEIVED 189,995 DOSES OF PFIZER AND ONLY ADMINISTERED 96,000  
4 DOSES TO OUR FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS. AND THEN I THOUGHT  
5 I HEARD YOU SAY, AND AGAIN, YOU GAVE US A GREAT PRESENTATION  
6 WITH SO MUCH INFORMATION, SO FORGIVE ME IF I AM DIGGING A  
7 LITTLE DEEPER DIVE BECAUSE I MISUNDERSTOOD YOU, BUT IT SOUNDED  
8 LIKE YOU SAID WE RECEIVED 70,000 DOSES OF MODERNA, AND YET, I  
9 THOUGHT I READ WE HAD GOTTEN 81,000 DOSES OF MODERNA AND ONLY  
10 22,000 HAD BEEN ADMINISTERED.

11

12 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS A LOT, SUPERVISOR, AND I LOVE YOUR  
13 SUGGESTION ABOUT USING A POWERPOINT BECAUSE THEN I THINK WE  
14 CAN PUT THE NUMBERS ON THE POWERPOINT.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK INCLUDING LAST WEEK, WE HAVE GOTTEN 96,000  
19 DOSES OF MODERNA, AND WE'VE PROBABLY, AS OF THE WEEKEND, IT  
20 LOOKS TO ME LIKE WE HAVE HAD 22,221 DOSES ADMINISTERED. AGAIN,  
21 WE HAVE THIS TWO-DAY DELAY WITH THE STATE SYSTEM, AND IT WAS A  
22 HOLIDAY WEEKEND, SO I AM SURE THE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER,  
23 PARTICULARLY AMONGST FIRST RESPONDERS, WHICH ALL NEEDED TO GET  
24 -- OUR FIRST RESPONDER E.M.T.S AND PARAMEDICS.

25



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1    **SUP. HAHN:** WE'VE GOT 189,000 DOSES OF PFIZER, BUT ONLY  
2    ADMINISTERED 96,000 DOSES?

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4    **DR. FERRER:** RIGHT, AGAIN, THAT FOR PFIZER IS 51 PERCENT OF THE  
5    DOSES GOT INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS ALREADY. AS DR. GHALY MENTIONED,  
6    THE LAST REPORT I HAVE FROM D.H.S. IS ONLY 11,000 DOSES, AND  
7    SHE'S AT 13,000 DOSES. SO WE HAVE DO HAVE THIS LAG TIME ISSUE.  
8    I THINK AT THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, THE CONFOUNDING ISSUE HAS  
9    JUST BEEN SURGE AND TRYING TO FREE UP STAFF TO BOTH RUN  
10    VACCINATION CLINICS AND GET STAFF FREED UP TO GO AND GET  
11    VACCINATED, BUT WE THINK THERE IS -- COMPARED TO OTHER AREAS  
12    IN CALIFORNIA --

13

14    **SUP. HAHN:** I GIVE US GOOD MARKS FOR BEING BETTER THAN THE  
15    NATIONWIDE, BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE WE KIND OF NEED TO STEP THIS  
16    UP A BIT.

17

18    **DR. FERRER:** I TOTALLY AGREE.

19

20    **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND I THINK YOU ARE BEING OPTIMISTIC TO THINK  
21    THAT WE CAN STILL MEET OUR GOAL OF A MILLION PEOPLE VACCINATED  
22    IN THIS 1A BY THE END OF THE MONTH OR EVEN EARLY JANUARY -- I  
23    MEAN, FEBRUARY. I FEEL LIKE THAT'S, AND I HEARD YOUR STRATEGY  
24    ABOUT HOW YOU ARE GOING TO STEP THAT UP, BUT I JUST THINK THE  
25    ONE THING THAT, YOU KNOW, WILL FRUSTRATE THE PUBLIC IS KNOWING

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1 THAT, EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DOSES, AND WE REALLY  
2 NEED TO PUSH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GET MORE, PARTICULARLY  
3 TO L.A. COUNTY, IT IS FRUSTRATING TO KNOW WE STILL HAVEN'T 100  
4 PERCENT OF EVERYTHING WE ARE GETTING, WE ARE NOT GETTING IT  
5 INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS. AND DO YOU -- IF YOU CAN GIVE ONE OR TWO  
6 REASONS WHY YOU THINK THIS ISN'T GOING AS QUICKLY OR SMOOTHLY  
7 AS WE HAD HOPED, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** IT'S SUCH A GOOD QUESTION. I THINK THERE'S  
10 PROBABLY EASILY TWO, TWO CONCERNS, OR SLASH CHALLENGES THAT WE  
11 ARE FACING. ONE IS SURGE. YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK ANY OF US  
12 HAD EVER PLANNED TO HAVE OUR HOSPITALS OVERWHELMED AND OUR  
13 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. SO ALL OF THOSE OUT PATIENT NURSES THAT ARE  
14 GETTING DIVERTED TO HOSPITALS WOULD HAVE BEEN FOLKS WHO WOULD  
15 HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO DO VACCINATIONS. SO EVERYONE IS DOING A  
16 BIT OF A SCRAMBLE TO GET AS MANY VACCINATORS AS WE WOULD LIKE,  
17 GIVEN THAT OUR HOSPITAL CARE SYSTEM NEEDS SO MANY MORE  
18 RESOURCES THAN ANY OF US ANTICIPATED WHEN WE STARTED THE  
19 PLANNING. SO I THINK HAVING THIS VERY HIGH DEMAND ON THE  
20 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS CREATING SOME ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES FROM  
21 US. I WOULD SAY THE SECOND AND MAYBE WHAT IS ALSO PROBABLY  
22 WORTH CLARIFYING A LITTLE BIT IS WE HAVE HAD A TOTAL OF  
23 189,995 DOSES OF PFIZER, BUT I THINK IT IS GOOD TO KNOW, LIKE,  
24 WE DIDN'T GET THOSE ALL AT ONCE. SO THOSE HAVE COME IN OVER  
25 THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN DIFFERENT ALLOTMENTS. SO IT IS NOT

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1    LIKE WE HAVE BEEN SITTING ON A LOT. WE HAVE ACTUALLY GOTTEN A  
2    LOT    OUT. WE KEEP GETTING MORE DOSES, AND THEN IT USUALLY  
3    TAKES ABOUT A WEEK TO TEN DAYS FOR ALL    THOSE DOSES TO GET  
4    INTO SOMEONE'S ARMS, WHICH IS A PRETTY REASONABLE TIME FRAME.  
5    SO I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK THREE WEEKS AGO WE HAD ALL  
6    THOSE DOSES, AND NOW IT IS TAKING US SO LONG BECAUSE THE  
7    REALITY IS WHEN WE FIRST GOT OUR FIRST DOSES OF PFIZER, IT WAS  
8    ONLY 89,000 IN THAT FIRST -- SO I THINK WE ARE DOING  
9    REASONABLY WELL, BUT THERE IS THAT CHALLENGE OF BEING IN A  
10    SURGE. AND I THINK THE SECOND CHALLENGE IS THERE ARE SOME  
11    SYSTEMS THAT ARE AT THE STATE LEVEL, THAT, AGAIN, NOBODY EVER  
12    ROLLED ANYTHING OUT AT THIS MAGNITUDE. EVERYONE IS WORKING  
13    SUPER HARD, BUT THEY ARE NOT EASY TO NAVIGATE. THE FIRST ONE  
14    IS THERE'S A SYSTEM THAT EVERYBODY WHO -- ANY PROVIDER THAT  
15    WANTS TO BE A VACCINATOR NEEDS TO SIGN UP AND COMPLETE    AND  
16    GET APPROVED AN APPLICATION. AND IT IS A CUMBERSOME PROCESS --

17

18    **SUP. HAHN:** WHO CAN BE A VACCINATOR? BARBARA --

19

20    **DR. FERRER:** YOU ARE A PHYSICIAN, AND YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO  
21    RECEIVE DOSES OF THE VACCINE AND THEN VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS,  
22    YOU HAVE TO ACTUALLY SIGN UP IN THE CAL-REDI SYSTEM AND GET  
23    APPROVAL TO BE ABLE TO VACCINATE WITH COVID-19 VACCINES.

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** BARBARA, I AM ASSUMING IT IS ONLY A HEALTHCARE  
2    WORKER THAT CAN BE A VACCINATOR, RIGHT?

3

4    **DR. FERRER:** YES.

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6    **SUP. HAHN:** WOULD THIS BE, I KNOW A LOT OF RETIRED NURSES HAVE  
7    NOT BEEN CALLED BACK INTO DUTY TO ACTUALLY GO INTO THE  
8    HOSPITALS TO DO WORK BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE OR THEIR RISK. WOULD  
9    IT BE OF VALUE NOW TO SEE IF WE COULD CALL BACK RETIRED NURSES  
10   THAT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO GO INTO A HOSPITAL TO  
11   VACCINATE, BUT SOME OF THE PUBLIC SITES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT,  
12   IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE ALL, THEY ALL APPROACH ME AND WANT TO  
13   BE HELPFUL BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO GO BACK INTO "NURSING"  
14   INSIDE THE HOSPITALS. WOULD THIS BE A GOOD CALL TO ACTION?

15

16   **DR. FERRER:** IT WOULD BE GREAT, AND WE ARE REACHING OUT TO  
17   THEIR SORT OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, WE ARE REACHING OUT ALSO TO  
18   UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THAT TRAIN --

19

20   **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN I THINK THIS IS A GOOD -- I THINK THIS IS A  
21   BIG ONE. IF WE ARE HIRING GROUPS TO DO MESSAGING, I THINK THIS  
22   IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL RETIRED HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO CAN  
23   GO TO A PUBLIC SITE AND, ONCE THEY FILL OUT THE APPLICATION,  
24   CAN VACCINATE BECAUSE THAT IS REALLY GOOD INFORMATION. I WILL  
25   ASK A COUPLE -- TWO MORE QUESTIONS, THEN I'M DONE --

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S TRY TO MOVE ON. THANK YOU BECAUSE WE  
3 HAVE GOT OTHER MATTERS --

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** LET ME ASK ONE MORE. SO THERE HAS BEEN THESE  
6 REPORTS THAT ONCE YOU OPEN THE VACCINE IT HAS A SIX HOUR SHELF  
7 LIFE, AND THAT, AS YOU ARE SAYING, SOMETIMES MAYBE YOU THOUGHT  
8 YOU WERE GOING TO BE VACCINATING HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND THEY  
9 ARE, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE DOING WORK, AND THEY CAN'T GET AWAY,  
10 DO WE HAVE A WAIT LIST WHERE, YOU KNOW, I GUESS WE ARE  
11 SPEAKING IN THIS 1A, YOU COULD HAVE AN HOUR'S NOTICE AND GET  
12 TO THAT PARTICULAR SITE. I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF A PUBLIC WAIT  
13 LIST, IF YOU LIVE AROUND SAN PEDRO HOSPITAL, AND THEY HAVE SO  
14 MANY DOSES THAT THEY HAVE TO USE UP BY MIDNIGHT, IS THERE A  
15 WAIT LIST WHERE PEOPLE COULD COME AND GET VACCINATED BECAUSE  
16 WE HAVE THESE TWO TIERS, WE WANT TO GET TO HERD IMMUNITY WITH  
17 80% OF EVERYBODY GETTING VACCINATED VERSUS TAKING CARE OF  
18 THOSE WHO ARE REALLY AT RISK RIGHT NOW, BUT DIDN'T KNOW IF WE  
19 HAVE A WAIT LIST GOING. THAT'S MY LAST QUESTION.

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21 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU. ALL THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS HAVE  
22 THEIR OWN SYSTEM IN PLACE ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE GETTING RID OF  
23 ALL OF THEIR DOSES TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE ALL  
24 USING DIFFERENT TOOLS. AT THE CLOSED PODS, THOSE ARE THESE  
25 SITES THAT WE ARE OPERATING WITH THE CITY AND WITH OUR HEALTH

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1 CARE PARTNERS, OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, WE DO  
2 HAVE WAIT LISTS AT ALL OF THE SITES. THE SECOND CHALLENGE I  
3 WAS GOING TO SAY, WITH THE STATE SYSTEM, IS THERE'S A SYSTEM,  
4 PREPMOD, WHICH IS HOW PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR APPOINTMENTS, AND  
5 IT'S HOW YOU ARE PLACED ON A WAIT LIST. THAT SYSTEM HAS HAD A  
6 LOT OF PROBLEMS AS WELL. IT NEEDS TO GET FIXED. BUT THERE IS A  
7 WAIT LIST THERE, AND YOU WOULD GET CALLED, HOPEFULLY WITH A  
8 LITTLE BIT LESS, I MEAN A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN AN HOUR, SO  
9 WHEN THERE ARE NO-SHOWS, YOU GET CALLED TO COME INTO THAT SITE  
10 FOR THAT DAY. AND PEOPLE CAN SIGN UP ON VARIOUS WAIT LISTS AS  
11 WELL. YOU ARE NOT PRECLUDED. YOU COULD SIGN UP FOR 4 WAIT  
12 LISTS IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR DESIRED SLOT, BUT THAT SYSTEM HAS  
13 HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS THIS WEEK, SO WE NEED TO GET PREPMOD  
14 FIXED. THAT'S A STATE-WIDE SYSTEM. WE ARE WORKING REALLY HARD  
15 WITH C.D.P.H. TO ADDRESS IT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE WORST THING  
18 IS TO WASTE ANY OF THESE DOSES. THAT WOULD JUST BE HORRIBLE.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. OUR NEXT, SUPERVISOR  
21 BARGER, AND THEN SHEILA, AND THEN HOLLY MITCHELL.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WILL BE BRIEF. FIRST OF ALL, THANK  
24 YOU ALL FOR THE BRIEFING. I KNOW THESE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING  
25 TIMES, AND I KNOW THAT WITH THE TESTING CENTERS CLOSED OVER

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1 THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE NUMBERS COMING IN TODAY AND TOMORROW  
2 ARE GOING TO BE VERY TELLING AS IT RELATES TO WHERE WE ARE. I  
3 HAVE A QUESTION, DR. GHALY, IN WATCHING THE NEWS AND THE GOOD  
4 NEWS WITH SOCIAL MEDIA IS YOU CAN GET THE WORD OUT. THE BAD  
5 NEWS IS THAT SOMETIMES MISINFORMATION IS PROVIDED. AND WHEN  
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS ASKING ABOUT THE ISSUE OF RATIONING CARE,  
7 THERE HAS BEEN A MISREPRESENTATION AS IT RELATES TO THE E.M.S.  
8 AGENCY, A CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF A DIRECTIVE, AS IT RELATES  
9 TO TRANSPORTING OF SPONTANEOUS CIRCULATION IF NOT ACHIEVED IN  
10 THE FIELD AS IT RELATES TO HEART ATTACKS. AND THEY ARE  
11 INTERPRETING THIS TO MEAN THAT PARAMEDICS WILL NOT TRANSPORT  
12 SOMEONE IF THEY HAVE HAD A HEART ATTACK AND CANNOT BE REVIVED.  
13 I REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD CLARIFY THE FACT THAT  
14 THIS HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS, AND IT IS A REMINDER TO THOSE OUT  
15 IN THE FIELD RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THERE'S MISINFORMATION BEING  
16 PROVIDED, AND I KNOW THE NEWS HAS NOW PICKED IT UP. SO COULD  
17 YOU BRIEF US ON WHAT EXACTLY THAT IS?

18

19 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, NO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR RAISING THIS.  
20 I DO THINK THERE HAS BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF THIS  
21 POLICY. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY  
22 THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO HAVE RETURN OF  
23 SPONTANEOUS CIRCULATION IN THE FIELD DUE TO ANY SORT OF  
24 TRAUMATIC OR BLUNT INJURY OR HEART ATTACK OR OTHERWISE, THAT  
25 THEY ARE ABLE TO DECLARE DEATH IN THE FIELD. WHAT HAS BEEN



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1 PERMITTED PREVIOUSLY IS THAT, DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
2 THE PARAMEDICS WERE PERMITTED TO HAVE THE DECEASED INDIVIDUAL,  
3 WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO HAVE RETURN OF SPONTANEOUS CIRCULATION  
4 TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL SO THAT THE HOSPITAL COULD DO THE  
5 FORMAL PRONOUNCEMENT OF DEATH AND THEN DO THE MANAGEMENT WITH  
6 THE MORTUARY AND WITH FAMILY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
7 DECEASED INDIVIDUAL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BODY. HOWEVER, GIVEN  
8 HOW BUSY THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ARE, IT DOES NOT  
9 MAKE SENSE TO PUT THAT ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD OF MANAGEMENT OF  
10 THE NOW DECEASED INDIVIDUAL ONTO THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY  
11 DEPARTMENTS. THE PARAMEDICS, AS THEY WERE ALWAYS ABLE TO DO,  
12 ARE DECLARING THAT DEATH IN THE FIELD, AND THEN THE CORONER'S  
13 DEPARTMENT WILL DO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DECEASED INDIVIDUAL  
14 AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BODY WITHOUT INVOLVING THE EMERGENCY  
15 DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER THAT IS REALLY SERVING AS THE MIDDLEMAN  
16 IN THAT SCENARIO. SO, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY THAT,  
17 ABSOLUTELY, THERE IS ALWAYS AND THERE IS NO CHANGE IN AN  
18 EFFORT TO REGAIN CIRCULATION. THERE IS STILL C.P.R. THERE'S A  
19 MINIMUM OF 20 MINUTES OF EFFORTS TO GET SPONTANEOUS  
20 CIRCULATION BACK. THERE IS REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE MEDICATIONS  
21 IN THE FIELD. THERE'S REQUIREMENTS TO TRANSPORT CERTAIN KINDS  
22 OF INDIVIDUALS. ALL OF THAT IS THE SAME. THE ONLY THING THAT  
23 IS DIFFERENT IS FOR SOMEONE WHO REALLY HAS DIED, WHO DOESN'T  
24 HAVE RETURN OF CIRCULATION AFTER ALL OF THOSE VALIANT

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1 EFFORTS, TO NOT HAVE THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BE INVOLVED IN  
2 THE MANAGING OF THE DECEASED BODY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT  
5 CLARIFICATION FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW, THAT WE'RE NOT CHANGING  
6 RULES IN REACTION TO COVID. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS AND IS  
7 IN PLAY LONG BEFORE COVID. DR. GHALY, CAN YOU TALK -- I HAVE  
8 HEARD THAT YOU ARE, IN FACT, REACHING OUT AND THROUGH THE  
9 COUNTY, TRYING TO DO MORE PATIENT CARE AT HOME WITH SERVICES  
10 BEING PROVIDED IN THE HOME VERSUS HOSPITALIZATION AS IT  
11 RELATES TO POSSIBLY TRANSFUSIONS AND ALL. IS THAT TRUE?

12

13 **DR. GHALY:** WE ALWAYS HAVE EFFORTS TO CARE FOR SOME PATIENTS AT  
14 HOME IF POSSIBLE. WHERE WE'VE DONE THIS BOTH WITH COVID IS WE  
15 HAVE HAD A VERY AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM TO HAVE HOME OXYGEN  
16 DELIVERY AT HOME. WE'VE MANAGED CLOSE TO IF NOT OVER NOW 2,000  
17 INDIVIDUALS WITH COVID AT HOME, WHICH HAS ALLOWED THEM TO BOTH  
18 BE SENT HOME FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IF THEY HAVE LOW  
19 LEVELS OF OXYGEN REQUIREMENT OR TO BE DISCHARGED EARLIER FROM  
20 THE IN PATIENT UNITS IF THEY HAVE LOW LEVELS OF OXYGEN  
21 REQUIREMENTS. AND LITERALLY 2,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD HAVE  
22 REPRESENTED HOSPITAL DAYS ARE NOW CARED FOR AT HOME. THIS IS  
23 BECOMING INCREASING CHALLENGING IN PART DUE TO THE SHORTAGES  
24 OF CANISTERS AND CONDENSERS AND REFILL OF THE OXYGEN TANKS AT  
25 HOME, BUT WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR VENDORS TO MAINTAIN THAT

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1 PROGRAM. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE REFERENCE IS, SUPERVISOR, TO  
2 THE TRANSFUSIONS AT HOME. WE ALWAYS DO SOME HOME NURSES, HOME  
3 INFUSIONS OF I.V. ANTIBIOTICS, FOR EXAMPLE. THAT IS ROUTINE  
4 AND HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, COVID AND NON COVID, BUT I AM HAPPY  
5 TO LOOK INTO THE SPECIFICS IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** I GUESS I AM REFERRING TO, I TALKED TO DR. DREW  
8 PINSKI, AND HE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT HE, IN FACT, GOT A  
9 TRANSFUSION, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MEDICINE IS, SO I'M NOT  
10 GOING TO SAY WHAT IT IS, AND THAT, IN FACT, THAT IS DONE, AND  
11 MEDI-CAL COVERS IT. IT, IN FACT, CAN BE DONE OUTSIDE A  
12 HOSPITAL SETTING. SO THAT IS WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO.

13

14 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, NO, IT SOUNDS LIKE HE IS REFERRING TO AN  
15 INFUSION OF A MEDICATION. SO YES, WE CAN DO THAT AT HOME.  
16 SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION. THAT IS HAPPENING AT HOME. WE DO I.V.  
17 ANTIBIOTICS. THERE ARE SOMETIMES IMMUNO-MODULATORS, DEPENDING  
18 ON THE MEDICINE. MOST OF THOSE HAVE TO BE DONE IN OBSERVED  
19 SETTING, BUT THEY CAN BE DONE AS OUT PATIENTS RATHER THAN AS  
20 IN PATIENTS, BUT THERE IS A VARIETY OF MEDICATIONS THAT CAN  
21 BE INFUSED AT HOME, AND WE CONTINUE THAT DURING COVID TIMES AS  
22 WELL.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC, AND THEN ONE MORE QUESTION FOR YOU,  
25 THEN I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR DR. FERRER. I KNOW THAT WE HAD

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1 DISCUSSED A WHILE BACK THE CHANGES WITH THE SKILLED NURSING  
2 CONFIGURATION THAT WERE OUTLINED, AND I THINK DR. FERRER, YOU  
3 MENTIONED WE ARE MOVING FROM 4 TO 2 PATIENTS PER ROOM. I GUESS  
4 MY QUESTION TO YOU, DR. GHALY, HAS THAT IMPACTED THE ABILITY  
5 FOR HOSPITALS TO DISCHARGE? DO WE HAVE ENOUGH PATIENT CAPACITY  
6 IN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES FOR THOSE THAT ARE WELL  
7 ENOUGH TO BE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL BUT NOT WELL ENOUGH  
8 TO BE DISCHARGED HOME?

9

10 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, SO MY UNDERSTANDING RIGHT NOW IS WITHIN THE  
11 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND THE SAME FOR THE L.T.A.C.S,  
12 THE LONG TERM ACUTE CARE FACILITIES, SUBACUTES, THAT THE  
13 PRIMARY ISSUE, JUST AS HOSPITALS, ISN'T SPACE. IT IS STAFFING.  
14 THERE'S A VARIETY OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, ONE OF WHICH,  
15 D.P.H., I'M GRATEFUL TO BARBARA'S TEAM, DR. FERRER'S TEAM, FOR  
16 HELPING SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES TO UNDERSTAND THEY SHOULD  
17 BE TAKING PATIENTS WHO ARE STILL UNDER QUARANTINE AND  
18 ISOLATION. THAT CLARIFICATION AND EXPECTATION SETTING IS VERY  
19 HELPFUL, BUT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES STILL HAVE RATIOS THEY  
20 OPERATE UNDER ACCORDING TO THE STATE THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM  
21 USING ALL OF THEIR AVAILABLE BEDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE STAFFING  
22 SHORTAGES JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. THERE ARE ALSO PATIENTS  
23 WHO REFUSE TRANSFERS TO LOWER LEVELS OF CARE, AND AND  
24 CURRENTLY, AS I MENTIONED, STATE LAW PREVENTS US FROM  
25 DISCHARGING PATIENTS WHO DON'T CONSENT TO THE DISCHARGE. AND

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1   THERE'S A VARIETY OF PAYER ISSUES. WE'RE RUNNING INTO DAILY  
2   ISSUES OF PAYERS REFUSING AUTHORIZATION FOR A PLACEMENT,  
3   REFUSING TO GO THROUGH THE STEPS AUTHORIZING THAT PLACEMENT  
4   PLACEMENT BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS NOT A SKILLED NURSING  
5   FACILITY THEY NORMALLY WORK WITH OR WOULD NORMALLY PAY FOR. SO  
6   WE ARE TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THOSE ISSUES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
7   THE PLANS AND THE STATE, BUT THERE'S A NUMBER OF BARRIERS TO  
8   GETTING PATIENTS OUT IN A TIMELY MANNER, STILL. BUT I DON'T  
9   THINK THE PRIMARY PROBLEM IS SPACE OR BEDS.

10

11   **SUP. BARGER:** SO, WILL YOU LET US KNOW ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I  
12   THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH  
13   IF, IN FACT, THAT IS GRID LOCK AND CREATING A PROBLEM BECAUSE  
14   THERE SHOULD BE NO EXCUSE, ESPECIALLY WITH PROVIDERS RIGHT NOW  
15   BECAUSE THIS IS ALL HANDS ON DECK AND NOT NORMAL  
16   CIRCUMSTANCES. SO I THINK WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. AT  
17   LEAST LET OUR OFFICE KNOW HOW WE CAN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
18   THOSE PROVIDERS.

19

20   **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, NOW DR. FERRER, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE  
23   VACCINES, AND I APPRECIATE IT. AND I'M KIND OF FOLLOWING UP ON  
24   WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE FACT  
25   THAT WE HAVE THE VACCINE, I KNOW THE GOVERNOR SAID YESTERDAY

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1 THAT WE HAVE THE VACCINE, BUT I THINK, AND I COULD BE WRONG,  
2 1/3 OF IT HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED, THAT WE HAVE SOME THAT IS NOT  
3 -- THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED TO INOCULATE TO THIS DATE. AND THE  
4 GOVERNOR OF COLORADO MENTIONED THE FACT THAT HE IS ORDERING  
5 THOSE FACILITIES THAT HAVE NOT USED THE VACCINE WITHIN 72  
6 HOURS, THAT IT WILL BE REALLOCATED, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT  
7 IS SOMETHING WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT OR IF THAT EXACERBATE THE  
8 SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO  
9 ADMINISTER IT. AND I, TOO, WROTE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR  
10 ASKING FOR SUPPORT IN THE COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO S.E.I.U.721'S  
11 REQUEST FOR MORE SUPPORT FOR NURSES, BUT I AM JUST WONDERING  
12 IF WE THOUGHT ABOUT SOME OF THE HOSPITALS THAT MAY BE SITTING  
13 ON IT, THAT HAVE NOT GOTTEN OUT ON A QUICK MANNER, AND THERE  
14 ARE OTHERS THAT COULD AND WANT TO TO.

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS A LOT. I MEAN WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT  
17 IT IN A COUPLE OF PLACES. THE ISSUE AT THE ACUTE CARE  
18 HOSPITALS IS WE HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE THAT THEY ARE GOING  
19 TO, IN FACT, GET EVERYONE VACCINATED. AND AS I SAID, THEY ARE  
20 NOT SITTING ON A LOT OF DOSES BECAUSE THEY HAVE GOTTEN THE  
21 DOSES IN THREE SEPARATE ALLOCATIONS. SO MY SENSE IS THAT IF, A  
22 WEEK FROM NOW, THEY ARE STILL SITTING ON DOSES OR HAVEN'T  
23 GOTTEN TO ALL OF THE FIRST, THAT FIRST TIER OF FOLKS THAT WERE  
24 SUPPOSED TO GET VACCINATED BECAUSE THEY TO START WITH THEIR  
25 SECOND DOSE, SOME OF THEM, THIS WEEK, AND ALL OF THEM NEXT

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1 WEEK, IF WE SEE THAT, I THINK OUR APPROACH MIGHT BE, AT THE  
2 ACUTE CARE FACILITIES TO GO IN AND HELP THEM WITH OUR STRIKE  
3 TEAMS BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY ARE OVERWHELMED, AND THOSE  
4 HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WE REALLY NEED THEM TO BE HEALTHY, AND WE  
5 NEED THOSE THAT WANT TO GET VACCINATED TO GET VACCINATED. SO  
6 I THINK FOR THE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, WE WOULD WANT TO SUPPORT  
7 THEM IF THERE WAS SOME REASON WHY THEY WEREN'T ABLE THIS GET  
8 THIS DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. FOR SKILLED NURSING  
9 FACILITIES, WE ALREADY HAVE ISSUED A HEALTH OFFICER ORDER THAT  
10 REQUIRES THEM TO QUICKLY VACCINATE ALL OF THEIR STAFF AND ALL  
11 OF THEIR RESIDENTS. THIS IS ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE OUR TEAM  
12 IS CALLING THIS WEEK. WE BASICALLY TELLING THEM THEY HAVE  
13 UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK TO GET MOST OF THEIR FOLKS  
14 VACCINATED. THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE THAT WORK ON THE WEEKENDS,  
15 AND THERE'S ALWAYS PEOPLE COMING IN AND OUT, AND WE ARE HAPPY  
16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THOSE CHALLENGES, BUT THEY ALL HAVE  
17 VACCINE, OR THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE STRIKE TEAMS. SO IF YOU  
18 ARE AT A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, YOU HAVE EITHER GOTTEN YOUR  
19 VACCINE DELIVERED TO YOU, YOU HAVE PICKED IT UP, OR YOU HAVE  
20 SAID TO US YOU DON'T HAVE CAPACITY TO DO IT, AND WE HAVE  
21 ASSIGNED TEAMS TO HELP YOU GET IT DONE, BUT IF WE ASSIGN A  
22 TEAM, YOU HAVE TO LET THE TEAM IN AND BE ABLE GET THEM TO  
23 VACCINATE YOUR RESIDENTS AND STAFF. SO WE HAVE ACTUALLY SAID  
24 TO EVERYONE WE NEED TO SEE A LOT MORE PROGRESS BY THE END OF  
25 THIS WEEK. AND OUR HOPE IS THAT, AGAIN, NOT THE HOLIDAYS, NOT



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1 THE SCARCE STAFFING, THE LESS THAN OPTIMAL STAFFING THEY HAVE  
2 OVER HOLIDAYS WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE ON VACATIONS, AND THEY TOO  
3 HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT ILL AS WELL. SO OUR STRATEGY  
4 HAS BEEN TO BE AS SUPPORTIVE AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THAT WHAT WE  
5 ARE TRYING TO RIGHT NOW IS GET HEALTHCARE WORKERS VACCINATED.  
6 I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT, THOUGH, ONCE WE DO THE WIDER  
7 DISTRIBUTIONS, WE CANNOT HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT GETTING  
8 VACCINE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S ARMS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT IS  
9 BOTH GOING OUT WITH A LOT OF SUPPORT SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY  
10 ARE EXPECTED TO DO, BUT THEN WE SHOULD REDISTRIBUTE PRETTY  
11 QUICKLY. AND I SEE THAT SCENARIO HAPPENING, FOR EXAMPLE, IF  
12 SOME OF THE PODS ARE DOING A VERY BRISK BUSINESS, RIGHT NOW,  
13 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE 19 PODS IS FILLING UP ALL THEIR  
14 APPOINTMENTS, BUT IF, AT SOME POINT, THERE WAS LESS INTEREST  
15 IN GOING TO ONE SITE, AND A LOT MORE PEOPLE ON A WAIT LIST FOR  
16 ANOTHER SITE, I WOULD WANT THAT FLEXIBILITY THAT YOU'VE  
17 SUGGESTED FOR US TO EASILY BE ABLE TO MOVE THE ALLOCATIONS TO  
18 ANOTHER SITE THAT ACTUALLY HAS INCREASED DEMAND, SO WE ARE  
19 DOING THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I DID WANT TO ADD SOMETHING  
20 ABOUT THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AS WELL, SUPERVISOR.  
21 OVER THE WEEKEND, 200 PLUS PATIENTS WERE TRANSFERRED OUT OF  
22 HOSPITALS BACK INTO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES BECAUSE WE  
23 HAVE ISSUED AS CLAR -- AS DR. GHALY MENTIONED, WE ISSUED A  
24 CLARIFYING ORDER ON FRIDAY NIGHT THAT SAID YOU HAVE TO TAKE  
25 THESE PATIENTS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO CIRCUMSTANCES WHEREBY

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1 PATIENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO COME BACK TO YOUR FACILITIES. AND WE  
2 WORKED LONG AND HARD WITH ALL OF THE FACILITIES TO SET UP  
3 THESE RED ZONES, YELLOW ZONES, AND GREEN ZONES TO ACTUALLY  
4 PROVIDE A LOT OF INFECTION CONTROL. SO WE FEEL PRETTY  
5 CONFIDENT IT REALLY IS AGAIN JUST HELPING TO MAKE SURE THAT  
6 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE OBLIGATIONS ON THOSE TRANSFERS. BUT DR.  
7 GHALY IS ALSO RIGHT. THERE'S A LOT OF WHAT WE WOULD CALL --  
8 THERE'S A LOT OF EXCESS BED CAPACITY RIGHT NOW AT SOME OF OUR  
9 NURSING HOMES. THEY THE HAVE THE BEDS, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE  
10 THE STAFF. WE REQUESTED THE STATE TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE  
11 STAFFING RATIOS, JUST A SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT THAT WE THINK WOULD  
12 BRING ONLINE MORE BEDS AT THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES  
13 BECAUSE THEY CAN GET STAFFED APPROPRIATELY.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC, THANK YOU. I WILL LEAVE IT WITH THAT,  
16 BUT I JUST HAVE TO COMMEND ALSO THE COUNTY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY,  
17 I KNOW, DR. FERRER, YOU ALL HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY  
18 FIRE THAT HAS BEEN DOING THE INOCULATIONS WITHIN THEIR GROUP,  
19 AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO NOW GO OUT AND ASSIST US IN  
20 GETTING THE VACCINE INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO I WANT TO COMMEND  
21 ALL OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, IN PARTICULAR L.A. COUNTY FIRE, WHO  
22 HAS BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVE IN ENSURING THAT PARAMEDICS AND  
23 FIREFIGHTERS ARE GETTING INOCULATED SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY BEGIN  
24 TO HELP US GET THE VACCINE OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO THANK  
25 YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. I  
3 WANT TO ADD MY VOICE IN PRAISE OF ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU AND  
4 YOUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE, OUR STAFF, THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS,  
5 THEIR STAFF, EVERYONE HAS STEPPED UP SO AMAZINGLY. AND I THINK  
6 ANYONE WHO WATCHES ANY ASPECT OF TELEVISION HAS SEEN SOME  
7 PRAISE OF ALL OF THESE LOCAL HEROES. AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE  
8 ASKED MANY OF THE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK, BUT THERE WAS ONE  
9 THAT IS -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS AN URBAN MYTH OR CIRCULATING  
10 AS A CONSIDERATION ABOUT VACCINATIONS, BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME  
11 REPORTING OF CONSIDERATION THAT WE MAY CONSIDER, AND AGAIN I  
12 DON'T KNOW IF IT IS AN URBAN MYTH, A SMALLER DOSE FOR THE  
13 FIRST SHOT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE VACCINES GO FURTHER AND ALSO  
14 SOME CONSIDERATION ABOUT WHETHER WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN  
15 VACCINATING EVERYBODY FOR THEIR FIRST SHOT AND WONDERING  
16 WHETHER WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH FOR THEIR SECOND SHOT. SO I THINK  
17 THAT'S A QUESTION TO DR. FERRER.

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** THOSE ARE EXCELLENT QUESTIONS, AND THERE HAS BEEN  
20 A LOT OF TALK NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY ON BOTH THE ISSUES. THE  
21 FIRST ISSUE, THE F.D.A. ACTUALLY TODAY ISSUED A CLARIFICATION  
22 ON, BECAUSE BOTH OF THESE VACCINES ARE UNDER EMERGENCY USE  
23 AUTHORIZATION, THEY CLARIFIED THAT THE VACCINES, YOU ARE  
24 REQUIRED TO DO THE TWO DOSES. SO I THINK THAT QUESTION ABOUT  
25 WOULD WE BE BETTER OFF, AND AGAIN, I THINK THE U.K. ACTUALLY

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1 ALREADY WENT THIS WAY SAYING WE ARE GOING TO REALLY JUMP START  
2 EVERYBODY, GET EVERYONE VACCINATED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE  
3 SECOND DOSES, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HOLD UP THE FIRST DOSES.  
4 THE F.D.A. SAID THESE VACCINES WERE APPROVED. THEY ARE  
5 EFFECTIVE BASED ON THE APPROVAL WHEN YOU USE THE TWO FULL  
6 DOSES BECAUSE THE SECOND QUESTION THAT HAS COME UP, NOT WITH  
7 THE PFIZER VACCINE BUT MODERNA WAS, COULD YOU IN FACT USE A  
8 HALF A DOSE? THERE HAVE BEEN SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT COULD YOU  
9 USE A HALF DOSE FOR BOTH DOSES, WHICH WOULD JUST EQUAL ONE  
10 DOSE THEN, OR THERE'S BEEN A QUESTION ABOUT, THERE WAS SOME  
11 EFFICACY THAT I THINK GOT ESTABLISHED IN SOME OF THE CLINICAL  
12 TRIALS ABOUT USING A DOSE, A HALF DOSE AND THEN A DOSE. THE  
13 F.D.A. ALSO CLARIFIED ON THAT. BOTH THESE VACCINES REQUIRE THE  
14 FULL TWO DOSES. I DO THINK THERE WAS SOMEONE FROM OPERATION  
15 WARP SPEED THAT SUGGESTED THAT MAYBE WITH MODERNA, WE WOULD GO  
16 TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF VACCINE DOSING, BUT THE F.D.A. TODAY  
17 ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING WE'RE NOT DOING THAT. AND SINCE THEY  
18 ISSUED THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION, I THINK EVERYONE IS  
19 PROBABLY GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT AND CONTINUE UNTIL  
20 THERE IS MORE EVIDENCE THAT SUGGESTS YOU DON'T NEED THOSE TWO  
21 DOSES OR YOU CAN CUT BACK SLIGHTLY ON THE DOSING. I THINK WE  
22 WILL CONTINUE DOING WHAT THE F.D.A. HAS ASKED US TO DO, WHICH  
23 IS MAKE SURE WE HAVE STRATEGY FOR GETTING THE TWO DOSES INTO  
24 PEOPLE'S ARMS.

25

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU ALSO GIVE US INFORMATION ABOUT  
2    THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE AND WHERE THAT STANDS IN THE UNITED  
3    STATES, IF AT ALL?

4

5    **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, NO. WE'VE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION. PEOPLE  
6    HAVE SEEN A COUPLE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY APPROVED  
7    THE    ASTRAZENECA VACCINE. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET IT APPROVED.  
8    FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, FROM PUBLIC HEALTH'S PERSPECTIVE, IT  
9    ACTUALLY USES A DIFFERENT FRAMEWORK FOR CREATING THE VACCINE,  
10    AND WE THINK THE PRODUCTION OF THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE, A) IT  
11    IS LESS EXPENSIVE, BUT B) WE THINK    YOU CAN PRODUCE A LOT MORE  
12    OF IT VERY QUICKLY. SO WE ARE ANXIOUS FOR, AGAIN, FOR THE  
13    F.D.A. TO EXTEND THE APPROVAL PROCESS, AND I AM ASSUMING THAT  
14    THEY ARE JUST REVIEWING SOME OF THE DATA THAT IS BEING  
15    SUBMITTED NOW BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY ALLOW IT TO GO THROUGH THE  
16    FULL EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS. ONCE OTHER COUNTRIES  
17    HAVE STARTED APPROVING THOSE VACCINES, YOU KNOW THAT THERE HAS  
18    GOT TO BE A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED  
19    AND USED ON THOSE REVIEWS. SO OUR HOPE WOULD BE THAT SOMETIME  
20    IN JANUARY, WE SEE AN APPROVAL FOR THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE.

21

22    **SUP. KUEHL:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW, FINALLY, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND WISHING A HAPPY AND  
2    HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF US AND EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT.  
3    THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO ADD MY VOICE TO THE HEARTFELT  
4    ACCOLADES MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SHARED. THIS IS WHAT PUBLIC  
5    SERVICE TRULY LOOKS LIKE. AND SO, TO DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY  
6    AND ALL OF YOUR TEAM AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY  
7    THAT STEPPED UP IN A PROFOUND, MEANINGFUL WAY TO NAVIGATE OUR  
8    WAY THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC, I TIP MY  
9    HAT. A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR FIRST, DR. FERRER, THEN I'LL MOVE  
10    ON TO DR. GHALY. ONE POINT OF CLARIFICATION, MAYBE I AM NOT  
11    FOLLOWING, DR. FERRER. YOU MENTIONED A COUPLE TIMES THAT THE  
12    SUPPLY WE RECEIVED IS NOT WHAT YOU ANTICIPATED. SO I AM  
13    CURIOUS AS TO WHAT IS THE DISCREPANCY? ARE YOU BEING TOLD, AND  
14    BY WHOM, TO EXPECT A CERTAIN ACCOUNT, AND THEN IT DOESN'T  
15    COME? I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT DISCREPANCY HAPPENS.

16

17    **DR. FERRER:** I THINK IT IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE FEDERAL  
18    AGENCIES THAT ARE MANAGING THE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION AND THOSE  
19    OF US AT THE STATE AND THE LOCAL LEVEL. IT IS BASICALLY A PRO  
20    RATA DISTRIBUTION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL FROM WHAT THE STATE GETS  
21    ALLOTTED. THEY DO TAKE SOME VACCINE OFF THE TOP, FOR THE  
22    FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THEN WHAT THEY CALL THE  
23    MULTI-COUNTY ENTITIES, THE KAISERS OF THE WORLD, THAT ARE  
24    ACTUALLY OPERATING IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, BUT THAT IS VERY  
25    TRANSPARENT, AND WE KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT. I THINK WE WERE ALL

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1 EXPECTING A LOT MORE VACCINE WOULD COME TO THE STATE, AND THEN  
2 WE WOULD GET OUR FAIR SHARE OF THAT, AND WHERE THE DISCONNECT  
3 IS IN SOME WAYS IS WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAID OUT AS THE  
4 POTENTIAL FOR HOW MANY VACCINES WERE GETTING PRODUCED THIS  
5 PAST MONTH AND HOW MANY ACTUALLY GOT SENT TO LOCALS, LOCALS  
6 BEING STATE AND COUNTIES. AND THOSE NUMBERS WERE MUCH SMALLER.  
7 WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE AT THE BEGINNING THAT WE WOULD HAVE 1.2  
8 MILLION DOSES IN FIRST ROUND OF DISTRIBUTION IN THE MIDDLE OF  
9 DECEMBER, AND WE ARE NOT CLOSE TO THAT EVEN IN OUR TOTAL DOSES  
10 YET. SO WE ARE OFF, BUT IT'S NOT AN ISSUE THAT THE STATE HAS  
11 BEEN OFF OR THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN OFF. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT  
12 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD INDICATED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF  
13 PRODUCTION AND THEN DISTRIBUTIONS TO STATES THAT ACTUALLY  
14 HAVE NOT HAPPENED YET.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO IT IS MORE OF A SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUE VERSUS A  
17 POLITICAL ONE, SHALL I SAY?

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, WE DON'T KNOW, TO BE HONEST.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** WE ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS HOLDING UP, WHETHER  
24 IT IS A PRODUCTION ISSUE, OR THERE'S SOMETHING -- IT'S GETTING  
25 DISTRIBUTED IN OTHER WAYS. WE HAVE NO IDEA. ALL WE KNOW IS



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1 THAT THE STATES DID NOT GET THE ALLOCATIONS THEY EXPECTED. AND  
2 IT'S A PRO RATA TO US. AND WE THEREFORE, DIDN'T END UP WITH  
3 OURS.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** STILL ON VACCINATIONS, I LISTENED VERY  
6 CAREFULLY AS YOU WALKED US THROUGH, WHICH WAS HELPFUL, THANK  
7 YOU, THE PHASES AND THE TIERS WITHIN THE PHASES, AND IT  
8 SOUNDED TO ME AS YOU BEGAN TO GIVE GENERAL TIME FRAMES WE CAN  
9 EXPECT THE TRANSITION, OR NOT TRANSITION, BUT TO BEGIN  
10 VACCINATING PEOPLE IN THE VARIOUS TIERS. IT SOUNDS LIKE AS IF  
11 THEY WILL BE RUNNING CONCURRENTLY. YOU SAID PHASE 1B WOULD  
12 START IN FEBRUARY, BUT THAT WE WOULD STILL BE WORKING ON PHASE  
13 1A, TIERS 2, FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. SO IS THAT TRUE THAT EVEN  
14 WHEN YOU START WITH ONE GROUP, YOU DON'T FINISH THAT GROUP  
15 BEFORE YOU START THE SECOND TIERING?

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IF WE GET  
18 ENOUGH VACCINE, MOSTLY BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GIVE TWO DOSES, AND  
19 FOR MODERNA, THERE ARE 28 DAYS BETWEEN THAT DOSING, AND FOR  
20 PFIZER IS 21 DAYS. SO YOU WOULD WAIT A VERY LONG TIME TO START  
21 TIER TWO, I MEAN TO START A DIFFERENT PHASE IF YOU HAVE TO  
22 FINISH COMPLETELY PHASE 1A. SO FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, AND  
23 THAT'S WHY, AGAIN, I SAY WE HAVE JUST GOT TO GET THE RIGHT  
24 AMOUNT OF VACCINE IN HERE. WE ARE BUILDING IN SOME CAPACITY TO  
25 BE ABLE TO DO BOTH. IT IS EASIEST RIGHT NOW TO IMAGINE THAT

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1 BECAUSE THE WAY WE ARE DISTRIBUTING IN PHASE 1A IS VERY  
2 CONFINED TO WHAT IS A SMALL NUMBER OF VACCINATORS, ACUTE CARE  
3 HOSPITALS, TEAMS THAT ARE WORKING WITH S.N.F.S, THE FEDERAL  
4 PARTNERSHIP AND OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER  
5 PARTNERS, ALONG WITH A HANDFUL OF OTHER FEDERAL VACCINATORS.  
6 AS WE GO INTO 1B AND 1C, WHERE A) THERE IS MANY MORE PEOPLE,  
7 AND B) WE ARE REALLY MOVING TO WHAT WE CALL OPEN PODS, IT WILL  
8 OBVIOUSLY BE A LITTLE BIT MORE COMPLICATED, BUT PEOPLE CAN GO  
9 BACK TO THE SAME POD THEY WENT TO, THE SAME POINT OF  
10 DISPENSING THAT THEY WENT TO FOR THE FIRST DOSE, FOR THEIR  
11 SECOND DOSE, AND AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE ARE GIVING SOMEBODY  
12 IN, LET'S SAY, 1B, PHASE 1B, THE SECOND DOSE, WE ARE ALSO AT  
13 THAT POD ADMINISTERING FIRST DOSES FOR PEOPLE IN 1C. WITH  
14 ENOUGH DOSES, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT AND ENOUGH  
15 CAPACITY AT THOSE PODS. A LOT OF THIS IS ALSO GOING TO DEPEND  
16 ON GETTING THE PRIVATE PROVIDERS REGISTERED IN JANUARY AND  
17 FEBRUARY SO THAT WHEN WE GET TO THESE PHASES, 1B AND 1C,  
18 PEOPLE CAN REALLY ALSO GO TO THE OWN PROVIDER, OR THEY CAN GO  
19 TO THE PHARMACY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO NECESSARILY FEEL LIKE THEY  
20 HAVE TO BE -- GET TO A POD TO GET THAT VACCINE.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND AS WE TALKED ABOUT OUTREACH STRATEGY, JUST  
23 KNOWING IN GOOD TIMES, VACCINE COMPLIANCE IS NOT WHAT WE MIGHT  
24 ASSUME IT IS, AND SO REALLY MAKING SURE AS A PART OF OUR  
25 OUTREACH MESSAGING, WE ARE COMMUNICATING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE

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1 TAKING THE VACCINE THAT REQUIRES A SECOND DOSE THAT PEOPLE  
2 UNDERSTAND IT, AND THAT TIMELINESS IS IMPORTANT. I DON'T THINK  
3 WE CAN ASSUME THAT PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT, LIKE I SAID, IN NON  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC TIMES, VACCINE COMPLIANCE IS NOWHERE  
5 NEAR 100 PERCENT.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** IT IS SUCH A GOOD POINT. WE ARE BUILDING OUT A NEW  
8 SYSTEM, NOT NECESSARILY THE STATE SYSTEM, THAT IS GOING HAVE  
9 MORE CAPACITY TO DO THE REMINDERS TO FOLKS, EITHER VIA TEXT  
10 MESSAGES OR CALLS, THAT THEY NEED TO COME BACK FOR THEIR  
11 SECOND DOSE. BUT YOU ARE RIGHT. IT WILL BE A CHALLENGE TO GET  
12 EVERYONE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE FIRST DOSE, AND THEN YOU  
13 CAN IMAGINE, SOME PEOPLE, EVEN WITH THE FIRST DOSE, THEIR ARM  
14 HURTS REALLY BAD, THEY FEEL RUN DOWN, THEY GET TIRED, NORMAL  
15 REACTIONS THAT REALLY MEANS THAT YOUR BODY IS CREATING THE  
16 ANTIBODIES. BUT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY OH, I FELT REALLY  
17 CRAPPY. I'M NOT GOING BACK FOR THAT SECOND DOSE. SO WE'RE ARE  
18 GOING TO HAVE TO DO A VERY GOOD JOB ON THE MESSAGING AND  
19 REALLY PARTNER WITH LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. ONE REASON WHY WE  
20 LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING THE REGULAR CARE PROVIDERS REGISTERED  
21 AS VACCINATORS IS, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOT  
22 OF PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND A LOT OF THEIR PATIENTS. I  
23 THINK SOMETIMES A TRUSTED PERSON REMINDING YOU TO COME BACK  
24 FOR YOUR SECOND DOSE IS GOING TO CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN A TEXT  
25 MESSAGE FROM US. SO WE ARE GOING TO, YOU KNOW, WE REALLY ARE

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1 COUNTING ON IN MANY WAYS HAVING THESE MULTIPLE AVENUES FOR  
2 ADVOCATING WITH PEOPLE BUT THEN ALSO USING PRIVATE  
3 PARTNERSHIPS A LOT TO GET PEOPLE BOTH IN THE FIRST TIME AND  
4 THEN BACK IN THE SECOND TIME. I DO WANT TO SAY, ONE OTHER  
5 REASON WHY WE WOULD LIKE US TO MOVE TO SOME OTHER VACCINES IS  
6 THEY DON'T ALL REQUIRE THE SECOND DOSE. ASTRAZENECA, IN  
7 PARTICULAR, DOESN'T, AND THAT'S A GOOD VACCINE TO THEN USE IN  
8 POPULATIONS WHERE IT MAY BE HARD FOR PEOPLE TO COME BACK FOR  
9 THE SECOND DOSE. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IS ONE WHERE PEOPLE  
10 MAY NOT EVEN BE IN LONG ENOUGH TO GET THEIR SECOND DOSE AT THE  
11 SAME PLACE. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO HAVING A THIRD VACCINE  
12 OPTION HERE BECAUSE THAT'S A ONE-DOSE VACCINE.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I WOULD AGREE FOR ALL CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS,  
15 WHERE PEOPLE ARE IN AND OUT, FOSTER CARE SETTINGS, ETC. THE  
16 29% OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE DECLINING THE VACCINE, AS  
17 IT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, YOU KNOW, I GUESS A COUPLE  
18 QUESTIONS, IF THERE IS AN EXISTING STRATEGY TO REALLOCATE  
19 THOSE DOSES AND IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERN IN TERMS OF THAT  
20 PERCENTAGE AROUND, WITH REGARD TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE  
21 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** ONE THING I WANT TO NOTE IS THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS  
24 SET UP IS WE ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE A RECORD OF EVERYONE THAT  
25 DECLINES. IT IS KIND OF AGAIN A LIMITATION OF THE STATE

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1 SYSTEM. SO I WANT TO STATE UP FRONT THAT I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW  
2 THE EXACT NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED AND HAVE  
3 DECLINED. WHAT WE HAVE IS A DENOMINATOR OF PEOPLE WHO WE  
4 EXPECTED WOULD GET OFFERED, AND THEN WE HAVE A NUMERATOR OF  
5 THOSE WHO ACTUALLY GOT VACCINATED, BUT WE ARE TRYING TO WORK,  
6 AT THIS POINT, MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO  
7 UNDERSTAND WHAT MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TO, YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE  
8 WHO ARE DECLINING, WHAT REASONS ARE PEOPLE GIVING, BECAUSE  
9 THAT INFORMATION WILL THEN HELP US UNDERSTAND IF IT JUST  
10 WASN'T A GOOD TIME, I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT WHEN IT WAS  
11 OFFERED, OR I AM JUST GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER WEEK AND THEN I AM  
12 GOING TO GET IT, OR IS IT MORE LIKE I AM THINKING OF DECLINING  
13 THIS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. SO I THINK WE NEED TO GET A  
14 LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG HEALTHCARE  
15 WORKERS, ABOUT WHAT THEIR REASONS WERE FOR DECLINING, AS WITH  
16 ALL VACCINES, OFTEN YOU WANT TO BE IN DECENT HEALTH WHEN  
17 YOU'RE GETTING VACCINATED. WE DO HAVE HIGH RATES OF POSITIVITY  
18 AMONGST HEALTHCARE WORKERS, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. SO MY SENSE IS  
19 SOME OF THE DECLINE IS APPROPRIATE DECLINE. PEOPLE ARE SICK,  
20 AND THEY'RE WAITING UNTIL THEY GET WELL, BUT UNTIL WE HAVE  
21 MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FROM FOLKS, WE DON'T REALLY KNOW  
22 EXACTLY WHY FOLKS MAY BE DECLINING. I THINK AS DR. GHALY  
23 NOTED, IF YOU ARE STARTING TO HIT ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF YOUR  
24 HEALTHCARE WORKERS ON THE FIRST GO AROUND ARE, IN FACT,  
25 ACCEPTING THE VACCINE, THAT IS PRETTY POSITIVE NEWS FOR US.

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1 AND ALSO, ONCE PEOPLE GET VACCINATED, THEY ARE THE BEST  
2 SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN  
3 VACCINATED. SO SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE JUST WAITING TO SEE. I  
4 WANT TO JUST SEE HOW THIS GOES FOR MY FRIENDS WHO ARE GETTING  
5 VACCINATED IN MY UNIT, AND THEN IF THEY ALL ARE DOING OKAY,  
6 THEN I'M GOING TO GO GET IT. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WAY  
7 OF FRAMING, OF MAKING YOUR DECISION. SO WE ARE EXCITED THAT  
8 SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY SHOWN UP ALREADY TO GET  
9 VACCINATED. AS I SAID, WITH THE PODS THAT JUST OPENED THIS  
10 WEEK, THE WAITING LISTS ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LONG WHO WANT  
11 TO GET VACCINATED. THESE ARE ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND ARE  
12 TRYING TO GET IN QUICKLY TO GET THOSE VACCINES.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF TESTING. I KNOW  
15 WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT VACCINES BECAUSE IT  
16 IS WHAT WE ARE HOLDING ON TO AS THE TRUE HOPE TO SEE THE LIGHT  
17 AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, BUT THERE ARE STILL FAR MORE  
18 ANGELENOS THAT ARE STILL LINING UP EVERY DAY IN LONG LINES FOR  
19 TESTING WHO AREN'T IN TIER 1A. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
20 ARE CONTINUING TO DIRECT RESOURCES AND ENERGY TO EXPAND  
21 TESTING OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE IT IS STILL PROBABLY MOST  
22 RELEVANT FOR MOST COUNTY RESIDENTS.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** DR. GHALY IS HER MIC OPEN?

25

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1 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE DO WANT ALL RESIDENTS  
2 ACROSS THE COUNTY TO BE ABLE USE THE TESTING RESOURCES THAT  
3 ARE AVAILABLE, WHICH COME IN A VARIETY OF FORUMS, IF THERE IS  
4 ANY REASON WHY THEY BELIEVE THEY NEED TO TEST, WHETHER IT'S  
5 BECAUSE THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS, OR AN EXPOSURE, OR CLOSE CONTACT,  
6 OR THEY JUST FEEL THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD AN EXPOSURE. THAT  
7 TESTING, COUPLED WITH CONTACT TRACING, IS ONE OF THE THINGS,  
8 AMONG OTHERS, THAT WILL HELP REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION. WE HAVE  
9 WORKED, I MENTIONED A FEW OF THE THINGS TO DO, KIOSKS, MORE  
10 WALK-UP TESTING, THE MOBILE TESTING, HOME TESTING TO OFFER  
11 MORE OPTIONS. PEOPLE SHOULD ALWAYS STILL, I DIDN'T MENTION  
12 BEFORE, BUT STILL TRY TO RECEIVE TESTING ALSO THROUGH THEIR  
13 ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. THAT IS STILL THE BEST PLACE  
14 TO GET TESTING. IT'S STILL MOST, AND IT'S ALIGNED WITH THEIR  
15 REGULAR CARE, BUT IT STILL IS CRITICAL, AND WE ARE WORKING  
16 WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS TO ENHANCE  
17 THE DEGREE OF OUTREACH, PARTICULARLY TO AT-RISK COMMUNITIES SO  
18 THEY KNOW ABOUT THE RESOURCES AND CAN USE THEM IN A TIMELY  
19 MANNER. WHAT WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO DO, OBVIOUSLY, IS TO USE  
20 TESTING AS A PERMISSION TO THEN GO OUT AND INTERMINGLE WITH  
21 OTHERS. THAT IS AN UNSAFE ACTIVITY AND SOMETHING THAT IS GOING  
22 TO MAKE THE SURGE WORSE AND NOT BETTER.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE IT. AND MADAM  
25 CHAIR, THE FINAL QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY, IF I MAY. I, LIKE ALL



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1 OF MY COLLEAGUES, ARE CONTINUING TO LEVERAGE OUR OWN CONTACTS  
2 AND -- [AUDIO INTERFERENCE] -- I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE  
3 STATE E.M.S. CAME AND TOURED MANY OF OUR FACILITIES THE DAY  
4 AFTER CHRISTMAS. I WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THEY HAD BOOTS ON  
5 THE GROUND TO SEE WHAT WE SEE TO HELP INFORM THEIR POLICY  
6 EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT WE NEED  
7 AND REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL HOSPITALS ARE REALLY CARRYING  
8 THEIR FAIR SHARE. I'M CLEAR THAT ADDITIONAL FEDERAL RESOURCES  
9 ARE GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP US PAY FOR AND  
10 IDENTIFY THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WE NEED. SO DR. GHALY,  
11 EVERYBODY'S TALKED ABOUT WE ALL HAVE OUR IDEAS ABOUT WHAT WE  
12 THINK SHOULD HAPPEN, NEW BEDS, NEW HOSPITALS, STAND-UP  
13 HOSPITALS, OPEN AND CLOSE HOSPITALS, AND I AM HEARING FROM YOU  
14 LOUD AND CLEAR SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WITH SOME OF THOSE  
15 SOLUTIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, YOU KNOW, TO TELL ME FROM  
16 YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT SHOULD WE, AS A BOARD, BE DOING TO  
17 ASSIST YOU IN FIGHTING FOR. I AM CLEAR IT DOES NOT HELP TO  
18 OPEN A NEW HOSPITAL IF WE DON'T HAVE THE SKILLED PERSONNEL AND  
19 EQUIPMENT THAT CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS NEED. SO I WOULD LIKE  
20 TO ASK YOU HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE? WHAT DO WE NEED?

21

22 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THERE ARE THREE BIG PICTURE  
23 THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED TO GET THIS SURGE MANAGED IN THE  
24 HOSPITALS. THE FIRST ONE GOES WITHOUT SAYING, WHICH IS GETTING  
25 THE TRANSMISSION IN THE COMMUNITY UNDER CONTROL. SO THE SOONER

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1 WE CAN GET THAT TRANSMISSION RATE DOWN, THE LESS THE HOSPITALS  
2 WILL BE IMPACTED, AND THE SOONER THEY WILL GET OUT OF THE  
3 SITUATION. AND THE SECOND TWO ARE MORE DIRECTLY TARGETED AT  
4 HOSPITALS, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT THAT HAVE PROVIDED  
5 BY THE SUPERVISORS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH  
6 WITH YOUR STAFF ON ADVOCACY WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
7 GOVERNMENT FOR HELP WHERE IT IS NEEDED. THE FIRST IS STAFFING,  
8 AND WE'VE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS. I DO BELIEVE THE ADVOCACY HELPED  
9 TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEDERAL TEAMS THAT ARE COMING IN. WE DO  
10 HOPE THAT THERE ARE MORE STATE REGISTRY THAT ARE COMING IN.  
11 ANY OF THE FEDERAL RESOURCES FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THEY COME  
12 FROM CAN BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN  
13 MENTIONED, OPEN UP NEW BEDS AS WELL AS PROVIDE SOME RELIEF FOR  
14 THE STAFF THAT ARE THERE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. AND I THINK  
15 THAT ADVOCACY EFFORT NEEDS TO CONTINUE, AND IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN  
16 IN THE LINE WE WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER, NOT JUST WITH THE  
17 HOSPITALS, BUT THE LOWER LEVEL OF CARE AREAS AS WELL. I KNOW  
18 THE STATE IS LOOKING AT POTENTIALLY WAIVING SOME RATIOS DR.  
19 FERRER MENTIONED ON THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. I SUPPORT  
20 THAT DIRECTION. I THINK THERE ARE OTHER RATIOS IN OTHER TYPES  
21 OF LOWER LEVEL OF CARE THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT, ALWAYS TRYING  
22 TO BALANCE BOTH THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS IN THOSE LOWER LEVEL OF  
23 CARE VERSUS ALSO THE NEED TO DECOMPRESS HOSPITALS SO THAT  
24 NEWLY ACUTE PATIENTS CAN BE CARED FOR. SO CONTINUED ADVOCACY  
25 ON STAFFING, AND THEN I DO THINK REALLY A CONCERTED EFFORT,

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1 WHICH WILL TAKE MANY PLAYERS SITTING AT THE TABLE ON A LOWER  
2 LEVEL OF CARE. THIS IS COMPLICATED ONE, AND I MENTIONED, AND  
3 DR. FERRER MENTIONED, SOME OF THE CHALLENGES OF WHY IT IS A  
4 STRUGGLE. AND REALLY, IT IS A STRUGGLE BECAUSE THERE IS NO  
5 CLEAR ONE PERSON OR ONE ENTITY THAT IS IN CHARGE. IT IS  
6 REGULATED BY A COMBINATION OF ENTITIES. THE COUNTY DOES NOT  
7 NECESSARILY HAVE DIRECT MANAGEMENT. THESE ARE PRIVATE  
8 OPERATORS. THERE IS PAYER ANGLES, SUPPLY ANGLES, STAFFING  
9 ANGLES, AND SO WHAT IT WILL TAKE IS ALL OF THE GROUPS COMING  
10 TOGETHER AT THE TABLE TO TRY TO COORDINATE AND TROUBLE SHOOT.  
11 IT'S REALLY AT A DETAILED, ON THE GROUND, NITTY-GRITTY LEVEL  
12 TRYING TO TROUBLESHOOT ALL OF THE VARIOUS PLACES IN WHICH THIS  
13 IS BREAKING DOWN FOR THE EFFICIENT TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS OUT.  
14 I DO SUPPORT LOAD BALANCING AMONG GENERAL ACUTE CARE  
15 HOSPITALS. IF ONE HOSPITAL IS OVERWHELMED AND MOVING TO  
16 CRISIS, OR ON INTERNAL DISASTER, WE SHOULD TRY TO LOAD BALANCE  
17 WITH OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE SYSTEM THAT ARE LESS IMPACTED,  
18 BUT THE MUCH BETTER SOLUTION IS TO MOVE PATIENTS OUT OF THE  
19 GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, AND THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FASTER  
20 THAN WHAT IT IS HAPPENING NOW. E.M.S. AGENCY, D.H.S., D.P.H.,  
21 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE E.M.S. AGENCY  
22 ALL HAVE A CERTAIN WINDOW INTO THIS. AND I THINK THERE IS NOT  
23 VERY CLEARLY DEFINED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ABOUT WHO HAS  
24 THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTION OVER THIS PRIVATE SECTOR  
25 INDUSTRY THAT HAS MANY WAYS IN WHICH IT IS EXPERIENCING A

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1 STRUGGLE ON THE GROUND OF THEIR OWN. AND ALL OF THESE PLAYERS  
2 WILL COME FORWARD, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO CONTINUE TO SHARE WITH  
3 YOU WHAT THAT PROGRESS IS AND HOW, THROUGH ADVOCACY, THE BOARD  
4 CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** DR. GHALY, THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH. I JUST WOULD SAY IN CLOSING I THINK SUPERVISOR  
8 BARGER WAS RUSHING THROUGH THE ANTIBODY INFUSION THERAPY, AND  
9 I KNOW THAT IT IS COVERED IN TERMS OF COST. AND SO, I'M REALLY  
10 HOPING THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN OPERATIONALIZE AT  
11 EVERY LEVEL, S.N.F.S, HOMES, TO USE IT EARLY, TO HELP PREVENT  
12 ACUITY IN THE CASES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
13 FOR YOUR RESPONSES TO MY QUESTIONS. THAT IS ALL, MADAM CHAIR,  
14 FOR ME.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD  
17 MEMBERS FOR YOUR QUESTIONING, AND IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR  
18 US TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE. AND  
19 ESPECIALLY, I WANTED TO THANK THE HEALTH TEAM, OBVIOUSLY, DR.  
20 FERRER, GHALY, AND FESIA, OUR C.E.O., AS WELL AS ALL OUR L.A.  
21 COUNTY TEAM, THE FIREFIGHTERS, EVERYBODY, OUR HEALTHCARE  
22 WORKERS, AND OUR PARTNERS, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE, AND OTHERWISE.  
23 AND JUST TO BRING US BACK, SO THE NEXT TIME WE GO THROUGH ON A  
24 SET ITEM ON THE HEALTH ORDER, THEN WE WILL ASK FOR STAFF TO  
25 GIVE US A REPORT BACK, ONE THAT WILL BE IN DRAFT FORM, NOT A

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1 DRAFT FORM, BUT TO SHOW US A HAND OUT SO WE CAN WALK THROUGH  
2 AND HAVE THAT DATA IN FRONT OF US AND ACTUALLY JUST GET  
3 THROUGH THIS A LOT QUICKER. I AM SORRY WE HAD TO SPEND SO MUCH  
4 TIME, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT. I KNOW WE ARE NOT ALWAYS TOGETHER.  
5 IT IS DEEPLY IMPORTANT. AGAIN MEMBERS, THIS IS A REPORT THAT  
6 IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. THERE IS REALLY NO ACTION. WE WILL  
7 ACCEPT THAT. AND NOW WE HAVE 10 ITEMS THAT WE ARE GOING TO GO  
8 THROUGH IT ALL TOGETHER KNOWING THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK  
9 AHEAD OF US. SO WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEMS 2D AND 17  
10 ENHANCING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM AND  
11 PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY TO TENANTS. I HELD THIS ITEM, SO I WILL  
12 START, AND THEN I WILL ASK MY COAUTHOR IF SHE WANTS TO SAY --  
13 MAKE A STATEMENT, AND THEN IF ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO  
14 JOIN IN. SO LET ME GET RIGHT INTO IT. THIS PANDEMIC, AS YOU  
15 KNOW, HAS REALLY DISRUPTED OUR ECONOMY AND HAS FORCED THE  
16 CLOSURE OF SO MANY BUSINESSES AND THE LOSS OF INCOME FOR SO  
17 MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. IN  
18 RESPONSE FOR THE LAST 10 MONTHS, THE COUNTY, AS KNOW, HAVE  
19 BEEN WORKING HARD DELIVERING RENT RELIEF TO AS MANY TENANTS AS  
20 POSSIBLE, BUT SOMETIMES, WE HAVE RUN INTO ROAD BLOCKS WHILE  
21 TRYING TO DELIVER THAT RELIEF TO THOSE THAT ABSOLUTELY NEED  
22 IT. SOMETIMES, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, LANDLORDS REFUSE --  
23 AND NOT ALL, I'M SAYING SOME, LANDLORDS REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE  
24 IN THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED HERE AT THE COUNTY.  
25 AND IN OTHER CASES, WE ARE UNABLE TO HELP A HOUSEHOLD IN NEED

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1 BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE THE UNFORTUNATE DECISION OF  
2 ACCESSING CREDIT CARDS OR HIGHER COST LOAN PRODUCTS TO PAY  
3 THEIR RENT. THAT TYPICALLY HAPPENS WITH MANY LOW INCOME  
4 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
5 AFFAIRS SHARED A PARTICULARLY DISHEARTENING STORY WITH MY  
6 OFFICE JUST YESTERDAY. A TENANT WHO WAS BEHIND \$15,000 BECAUSE  
7 OF THE PANDEMIC TURNED TO A LOAN SHARK TO COVER THE DEBT. THE  
8 TENANT TOOK ON THE LOAN, DESPITE THE HIGH INTEREST RATE,  
9 BECAUSE THEY WERE TERRIFIED OF LOSING THEIR SHELTER. AND AS  
10 YOU KNOW, THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE, AND IT HAPPENS. AND IT  
11 SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN, REGARDLESS OF OUR SITUATION AND WITH THE  
12 PANDEMIC. WE ARE UNABLE TO HELP THIS TENANT UNDER OUR CURRENT  
13 RENT RELIEF FRAMEWORK, BUT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE CHANGES TO  
14 THE PROGRAM TO HELP ALL THOSE IN NEED, PARTICULARLY IN CASES  
15 AND SITUATIONS LIKE THIS. NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION A TENANT  
16 MAY BE IN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROGRAMS ARE FLEXIBLE  
17 ENOUGH AND ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE RELIEF AS DIRECTLY AND  
18 EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. SO IN LIGHT OF THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO  
19 INTRODUCE THIS MOTION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE MORE HELP TO THOSE IN NEED,  
21 SPECIFICALLY THIS IS WHAT THE MOTION WILL DO. PROVIDE RENTAL  
22 ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO TENANTS IN CASES WHERE THE LANDLORD  
23 REFUSES TO RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE THEMSELVES BECAUSE WE FOUND  
24 THERE ARE SOME LANDLORDS THAT REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE OR DON'T  
25 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION EVEN WHEN THEIR TENANTS HAVE ASKED THEM

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1 TO, TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE USED  
2 LINES OF CREDIT OR HIGH COST LOANS TO PAY RENT, INCREASE THE  
3 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE A HOUSEHOLD CAN RECEIVE,  
4 AND EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FROM 30 TO 50% A.M.I. TO 50% A.M.I. AND  
5 BELOW, AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO  
6 SUPPLEMENT PARTIAL PAYMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE ON BEHALF OF  
7 ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS. THE MOTION, MEMBERS, WILL ALSO HELP ALIGN  
8 THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM FRAMEWORK WITH THE RECENT FEDERAL  
9 RELIEF BILL, WHICH INCLUDES \$25 BILLION IN EMERGENCY RENTAL  
10 ASSISTANCE AND AN EXTENSION OF THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING  
11 THROUGH DECEMBER 2021. SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE  
12 ALIGNED. RENT RELIEF IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF KEEPING OUR  
13 FAMILIES HOUSED, AND OUR PROGRAM WILL SERVE ALL OF THOSE IN  
14 NEED, INCLUDING THOSE THAT MAY NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE  
15 DOCUMENTATION. I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL JOIN ME TODAY IN  
16 SUPPORTING THE MEASURE, AND I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK MY  
17 COAUTHOR FOR JOINING ME, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND IF SHE WOULD  
18 LIKE TO JOIN ME IN MAKING A STATEMENT, AND THEN WE WILL  
19 RECOGNIZE ANY OTHER MEMBERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20  
21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING  
22 ME JOIN YOU ON THE MOTIONS TODAY, AND I AM JUST GOING TO  
23 REITERATE EVERYTHING YOU SAID BECAUSE YOU SAID IT WELL. AND  
24 CLEARLY, ONE OF THE MANY CONSEQUENCES OF THE PANDEMIC HAS BEEN  
25 THE INCREDIBLE STRAIN ON THE BACKS OF OUR L.A. COUNTY RENTERS.



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1 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR RENT ON  
2 TIME OR EVEN TO PAY THEIR RENT AT ALL. AND GIVING THE TENANTS  
3 AND FAMILIES THE HELP THEY NEED TO STAY AFLOAT HAS BEEN I KNOW  
4 ALL OF OUR PRIORITIES THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS. BACK IN MAY, I  
5 AUTHORED A MOTION LETTING US USE THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY  
6 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM'S COVID-19 FUNDS FOR RENT  
7 RELIEF FOR LOCALS RENTERS, AND THEN IN AUGUST I HAD ANOTHER  
8 MOTION THAT AUTHORIZED US TO USE \$110 MILLION OF L.A. COUNTY'S  
9 SHARE OF C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING SO WE COULD CREATE AND  
10 ADMINISTER THE COUNTY'S RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, LETTING US REACH  
11 EVEN MORE HOUSEHOLDS. TODAY'S MOTION CONCERNS THE RENT RELIEF  
12 PROGRAM AND HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE  
13 REACHING AND SUPPORTING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STRUGGLING  
14 RENTERS WE CAN. THE FIRST THING WE ARE DOING IS WE ARE ASKING  
15 FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR,  
16 2021, AND THEN WE ARE ALSO AUTHORIZING THE L.A. COUNTY  
17 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES NECESSARY TO THE  
18 PROGRAM KEEP IT WORKING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR RENTERS,  
19 AND I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE NEED THIS TO BE  
20 FLEXIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU SAID THAT SOME  
21 LANDLORDS ARE REFUSING TO RECEIVE DIRECT PAYMENTS THAT  
22 L.A.C.D.A., WHICH LOCKS THEIR TENANTS OUT FROM RECEIVING MONEY  
23 FROM THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. IN IN OTHER CASES, HOUSEHOLDS IN  
24 NEED HAVE CHOSEN TO PAY RENT BY TAKING OUT LOANS OR USING  
25 CREDIT CARDS, DESPITE THEM BEING ELIGIBLE FOR RENTAL

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1 ASSISTANCE. THESE MOTIONS GIVE OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS MORE  
2 FLEXIBILITY IN DISPERSING THESE PAYMENTS SO RENTERS IN  
3 SITUATIONS LIKE THESE CAN RECEIVE THE HELP AND REMAIN INSIDE  
4 THEIR HOUSE. THE MOST RECENT COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE  
5 NEGOTIATED BY CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OVER THE  
6 HOLIDAYS DOES INCLUDE \$25 BILLION IN EMERGENCY RENTAL  
7 ASSISTANCE. AND WHEN L.A. COUNTY RECEIVES OUR ALLOCATION OF  
8 THOSE NEW FUNDS, WE NEED TO BE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION  
9 TO DEPLOY THEM TO THE RENTERS IN NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND  
10 THESE MOTIONS WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. THANK YOU, MADAM  
11 CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE  
14 NOW SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS  
15 MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO  
18 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR HARD WORK AND THE HARD WORK OF SUPERVISOR  
19 HAHN NOW OVER MONTHS OF BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THE  
20 ATTENTION OF US ALL AND REALLY TAKING THE LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF  
21 OF THE COUNTY BOARD. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, I THINK WE HEARD  
22 FROM SEVERAL FRUSTRATED COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE A PERCEPTION  
23 THAT MAYBE THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT  
24 RENTERS. SO TO HEAR SUPERVISOR HAHN WALK THROUGH MOTIONS SHE  
25 HAS MADE, VOTES THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF

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1 THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC, IS REALLY A TESTAMENT TO US  
2 UTILIZING COUNTY DOLLARS AND FEDERAL DOLLARS THROUGH THE  
3 C.A.R.E.S. ACT TO REALLY HELP COUNTY RESIDENTS SUSTAIN  
4 THEMSELVES. I WILL BE THRILLED TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY  
5 FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT WHEN THE  
6 TENANT IS UNABLE TO PAY, IT ALSO IMPACTS THE PROPERTY OWNERS  
7 ABILITY TO PAY THE MORTGAGE. AND IT CREATES A PAINFUL RIPPLE  
8 EFFECT, PARTICULARLY FOR THE COMMUNITIES I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE  
9 OF REPRESENTING, WHERE THERE ARE MANY, MANY HUNDREDS OF  
10 THOUSANDS OF LOW TO MODERATE INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO ARE  
11 STRUGGLING JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. AGAIN, I THINK IT IS  
12 IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT RENTAL SUPPORT IS, IN MANY WAYS,  
13 MOM AND POP MORTGAGE HOLDERS. I HOPE WITH MORE FUNDING WE  
14 CAN HELP MORE TENANTS STAY HOUSED, WHICH IS CRITICAL, AND HELP  
15 THE PROPERTY OWNERS KEEP THEIR PROPERTY UPON WHICH SO MANY ARE  
16 FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT. SO AGAIN I THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION  
17 AND I LOOK FORWARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT IT.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND  
20 ALSO SUPERVISOR HAHN. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO WANT  
21 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T SEE ANY, AND NO ONE IS UNMUTING  
22 THE MIC, THEN I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS  
23 MEASURE, MEMBERS, AND ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CALLERS THAT  
24 CALLED TODAY THIS MORNING AND HAVE BEEN CALLING EACH AND EVERY  
25 MONTH REGARDING THIS ISSUE, AND IT IS GOOD FOR THEM TO

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1 UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE WORKING AS BEST AS WE CAN TO BE AS  
2 FLEXIBLE AND EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE. WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK FOR  
3 YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS ITEM. I WOULD LIKE TO, THEN, MOVE THE  
4 ITEM, AND HAVE IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE  
5 ITEMS, 2D AND 17. AND MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU PLEASE  
6 CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2D AND 17 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
9 MITCHELL?

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
14 KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING ON NOW TO

8 ITEM NUMBER 2. THIS IS PRESERVING PROPERTY OWNERSHIP,

9 DIVERSITY, AND EQUITY. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT HAS BEEN HELD BY

10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR

11 MIC TO MAKE YOUR REMARKS.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS WE JUST

14 MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS MOTION, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT THE

15 BOARD IS TAKING VERY SERIOUSLY, WHICH IS A REFLECTION OF THAT

16 FACT THAT THERE ARE SIX DIFFERENT MOTIONS BEFORE US TODAY THAT

17 ADDRESS STABILITY AND BRINGING FORWARD APPROACHES AND

18 STRATEGIES THAT ARE MULTIFACETED AND COMPLEX. THE MOTION

19 BEFORE YOU NOW, COLLEAGUES, IS ANOTHER KEY PIECE TO TO

20 PROTECTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PRESERVING THE DIVERSITY AND

21 EQUITY IN PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. TRADITIONALLY, SMALLER UNITS IN

22 TWO TO FOUR UNIT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF

23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THE RENT IN THESE UNITS EXPERIENCED

24 LOWER PRICE GROWTH WHEN HOUSING SUPPLIES TIGHTEN. THESE

25 UNITS ALSO HAVE THE LARGEST SHARE OF OWNERS AND TENANTS OF

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1 COLOR. THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY BY THE U.S. CENSUS FOUND  
2 THAT INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS, NOT BIG CORPORATIONS, BUT  
3 INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS MAKE UP 77 PERCENT OF OWNERS OF THESE  
4 KINDS OF UNITS. 34 PERCENT OF THESE UNITS ARE OWNED BY  
5 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE 65 OR OVER, RETIRED, AND ARE LIKELY USING  
6 THE ROOM INCOME AS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME. ACCORDINGLY,  
7 WHEN COVID-19 RELATED HARDSHIPS IMPACT TENANTS, AND THEY  
8 STRUGGLE TO PAY RENT, THESE SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS STRUGGLE,  
9 TOO. IT'S TROUBLING THAT PER RECENT SURVEYS, MORE THAN 47  
10 PERCENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITH INCOMES UNDER \$50,000 A YEAR  
11 ARE REPORTING INCREASED PRESSURE TO SELL THEIR UNITS, AS  
12 OPPOSED TO 20 PERCENT OF THOSE WITH AN INCOME OVER 150,000. SO  
13 AS WE HEAR, AS I CERTAINLY HEAR IN MY COMMUNITY EVERY DAY,  
14 CONCERNS AROUND GENTRIFICATION, WE KNOW THE PRESSURE OF PAYING  
15 YOUR MORTGAGE IN COVID IS ONLY GOING TO EXACERBATE THAT  
16 SITUATION. THE LOSS OF THESE SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD  
17 RESULT IN BOTH THE DECREASE OF AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE  
18 HOUSING AND PERHAPS THE SOLE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD WEALTH  
19 OVER TIME THROUGH PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. FOR MANY LOW TO MODERATE  
20 INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS, THIS ASSET IS USED FOR LEVERAGE, FOR  
21 LEVERAGING FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE KIDS, TO AFFORD  
22 UNANTICIPATED COSTS LIKE A HEALTHCARE CRISIS. SO IT'S CLEAR TO  
23 ME THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE TO PROTECT THESE SMALL PROPERTY  
24 OWNERS WITH STRONG EMPHASIS, AGAIN, ON RACIAL AND SOCIAL  
25 EQUITY. IT IS TRAGIC WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DATA AND REALIZE

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1 THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROPERTY OWNERS TODAY ARE FAR FEWER THAN  
2 THEY WERE DECADES AND DECADES AND DECADES AGO. I BELIEVE THIS  
3 MOTION IS A NECESSARY STEP IN HELPING BUILD BETTER PROTECTIONS  
4 AND CREATE MORE PATHWAYS TO HOME OWNERSHIP AS A MEANS TO BUILD  
5 MULTIGENERATIONAL WEALTH AND HELP BRING UNDERREPRESENTED  
6 COMMUNITIES OUT OF POVERTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
7 SOLIS, IN COAUTHORING, AND I HOPE THE REST OF THE BOARD WILL  
8 JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS ACTION TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I  
11 WANT TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS  
12 MOTION. COMPREHENSIVELY, USING VARIOUS DATA POINTS AND TOOLS  
13 AND STRATEGIES ARE VERY MUCH WHAT WE NEED TO HELP STABILIZE  
14 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR  
15 THAT HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED. PART OF STABILIZING THESE  
16 COMMUNITIES REQUIRES PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD WEALTH  
17 AND PRESERVE THE DIVERSITY IN OUR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.  
18 GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED HEAD ON.  
19 I HAVE ANOTHER MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA THAT EXPANDS THE  
20 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TO GIVE THE COUNTY ANOTHER TOOL TO  
21 PRESERVE AND CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT ITEMS WILL  
22 ALSO HELP FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES BY  
23 COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO  
24 PRESERVE AND OPERATE THE PROPERTIES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT  
25 CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OWNERSHIP THROUGH C.L.T.S IS JUST



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1 ONE PATH TOWARD HELPING US BUILD THAT WEALTH. LAST YEAR, YOU  
2 MAY RECALL, I JOINED SUPERVISOR HAHN TO ALLOCATE \$5 MILLION  
3 FOR MORTGAGE RELIEF FOR SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO ADDRESS A  
4 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SMALL LANDLORDS, MOM AND POP, SO TO  
5 SPEAK, THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE  
6 PANDEMIC. TO FURTHER ALL EFFORTS, THE MOTION WILL HELP US  
7 OBTAIN MORE DATA THAT WILL HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE AND PROVIDE  
8 US WITH THE NEEDED RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS THAT WE NEED TO COME  
9 UP WITH AND APPROPRIATE POLICY DECISIONS. SO I JOIN YOU IN  
10 ASKING OUR COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE ITEM, AND ARE THERE ANY  
11 MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? I  
12 DON'T SEE ANY AT THIS TIME. SO AT THIS POINT THEN, HEARING NO  
13 OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL?

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW, WELL  
16 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 3, EMPOWERING INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES  
17 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
18 MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC TO MAKE  
19 YOUR REMARKS.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT THANK  
22 YOU AND THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR COAUTHORSHIP AND YOUR  
23 LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING QUALITY REPRESENTATION FOR ALL.  
24 PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED DUE PROCESS RIGHT  
25 OF THE ACCUSED IS FOUNDATIONAL TO THE RULE OF LAW AND LIFE IN

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1 A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. UNFORTUNATELY, INCREASING DEMANDS  
2 THREATEN TO UNDERMINE THE MISSION OF OUR OWN PUBLIC DEFENDER'S  
3 OFFICE. THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS HAS RESULTED, AS WE  
4 ALL KNOW, IN DELAYED TRIALS, DISINCENTIVES TO SETTLE CASES,  
5 AND A WELCOME PUSH TO DEPOPULATE THE JAILS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE  
6 IMPACTED THE WORKLOAD OF OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS. IN  
7 ADDITION, IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION  
8 PROGRAM AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S HISTORIC REFORM, WHILE  
9 THEY ARE VERY MUCH WELCOME, COULD INDEED FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO  
10 THE IMPACT BEING FELT BY THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. TO  
11 ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS  
12 AND TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
13 RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED, IT IS CRITICAL WE THOUGHTFULLY ASSESS  
14 THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DETERMINE  
15 WHETHER OUR CURRENT ALLOCATION ALIGNS WITH THE BOARD'S JUSTICE  
16 PRIORITIES. AT THIS TIME, IF ANY OF OUR COAUTHORS WOULD LIKE  
17 TO SAY A FEW WORDS, I WOULD WELCOME THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM  
18 CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RECOGNIZE NOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO  
21 COAUTHORED THIS MEASURE.

22  
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO  
24 YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IT IS A PLEASURE TO COAUTHOR ONE OF  
25 YOUR FIRST MOTIONS. AND THIS IS ONE IN WHICH I DEEPLY BELIEVE.

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1 SO THANKS FOR ASKING ME TO DO SO. AS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ALL  
2 MORNING, THIS PANDEMIC HAS TAKEN A DIRECT TOLL ON SO MANY OF  
3 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES. WE SEE IT MOST AMONG OUR  
4 COUNTY FRONTLINE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND FIRST RESPONDERS,  
5 BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPACTED IN TERMS OF  
6 WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THEM DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THIS MOTION,  
7 AS YOU INDICATED, FOCUSES ON THOSE WHO PROVIDE INDIGENT  
8 DEFENSE FOR SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE COUNTY AT A  
9 TIME WHEN THEY REALLY, REALLY MUST RELY ON IT. AS WE KNOW,  
10 PUBLIC DEFENDERS FULFILL A CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED DUTY TO  
11 DEFEND THE INDIGENT. IT IS NOT OPTIONAL FOR THEM. EVEN FACED  
12 WITH A GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE FLOWED  
13 FROM THE PANDEMIC, THEY MUST CONTINUE TO SHOW UP AND PROVIDE  
14 THIS DEFENSE. AND THAT IS WHY I VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
15 EXAMINATION THAT IS CALLED FOR IN THIS MOTION, THE 90-DAY  
16 REPORT BACK, BUT ALSO IN 60 DAYS, GIVING US A STATUS UPDATE  
17 ON HOW IT IS GOING. WE REALLY NEED TO SEE HOW THIS IS  
18 IMPACTING THE WAYS IN WHICH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER GOES ABOUT  
19 THEIR WORK. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR. AND  
20 I URGE AN AYE VOTE AMONG ALL MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE  
23 TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, AND AGAIN, I JUST WANTED TO THANK  
5 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR  
6 FOR THIS. WE DO KNOW THAT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS HAVE BEEN SO  
7 OVER WORKED, AND LIKE THIS PANDEMIC, IT HAS MADE A TOUGH  
8 SITUATION EVEN WORSE. AND MY OFFICE HAS GOTTEN EMAILS FROM OUR  
9 PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO LOVE THEIR WORK, BY THE WAY, AND THEY  
10 LOVE HELPING THEIR CLIENTS, BUT THEY ARE SO OVERWHELMED WITH  
11 THEIR CASELOADS THAT THEY ARE AFRAID THEY WON'T BE ABLE GIVE  
12 THEIR CLIENTS THE DEFENSE THEY DESERVE. AND AS SUPERVISOR  
13 KUEHL SAID, WE DO HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO  
14 PROVIDE FREE LEGAL DEFENSE FOR EVERYONE. SO WE NEED TO MAKE  
15 SURE THAT OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS DO HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT THEY  
16 NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOBS, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS  
17 PANDEMIC. I DO SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO  
18 READING THE REPORT BACK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD  
21 MEMBERS, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS ITEM UP FOR US. IT IS  
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO  
23 APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
24 ROLL.

25

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1 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

2

3 SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

4

5 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR

6 KUEHL?

7

8 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

9

10 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

11

12 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

13

14 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

17

18 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

21

22 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

23

24 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. CONGRATULATIONS. NOW, MEMBERS,

25 WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, UPDATING THE COUNTY'S

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1 EVICTION MORATORIUM TO EXTEND AND CLARIFY TENANT PROTECTIONS,  
2 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE  
3 THE FLOOR.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK WHAT I  
6 WOULD LIKE TO DO IS SIMPLY DESCRIBE THIS MOTION A LITTLE BIT,  
7 INDICATE A SMALL CHANGE IN ONE OF THE DIRECTIVES, PERHAPS YOU  
8 WOULD WANT TO SPEAK, AND THEN I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUE,  
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER, IS PROPOSING A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WHICH I  
10 INTEND TO ACCEPT, BUT I THINK IT HELP TO SORT OF SET THIS OUT  
11 BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS MOTION THAT I THINK ARE  
12 IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING,  
13 AS MANY OF YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT EARLIER MOTIONS TODAY, WE  
14 RECOGNIZED THAT THIS COULD BE A REAL TSUNAMI OF EVICTIONS IF  
15 THE COUNTY DID NOT STEP UP AND PROTECT OUR RENTERS IN A  
16 RESPONSIBLE WAY. AND SO WE, FROM THE BEGINNING, ENACTED  
17 EVICTION MORATORIUM SO PEOPLE COULD NOT BE EVICTED FOR NON  
18 PAYMENT OF RENT AND CREATED A SYSTEM THEY PAY BACK THE RENT  
19 WHEN THEY WERE ALLOWED BACK AT WORK OR ABLE TO DO SO. WE ALSO  
20 DISCOVERED THAT MANY CITIES WERE ENACTING MEASURES, BUT IN  
21 SOME CITIES THERE WERE NONE, AND IN SOME CITIES, THERE WERE  
22 SOME, BUT NOT EVERYTHING THAT WE HAD ENACTED AS PROTECTIONS.  
23 SO WE EXPANDED LAST YEAR SO THAT WHEREVER A CITY IS NOT  
24 PROTECTING THEIR RENTERS AS MUCH AS OUR EVICTION MORATORIUM  
25 DOES, IT WOULD APPLY IN THOSE CITIES AS WELL BECAUSE IT IS A



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1 HEALTH CRISIS. SO LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE HAVE HEARD A LOT  
2 TODAY ABOUT STRUGGLING RENTERS AND THEIR LANDLORDS, BUT THE  
3 CRISIS HAS NOT SUBSIDED. STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT HUNDREDS  
4 OF THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COUNTY ARE AT RISK OF  
5 EVICTION BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO PAY RENT CAUSED BY LOST  
6 OR REDUCED INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC. DESPITE THE HARDSHIP,  
7 MOST RENTERS HAVE ACTUALLY CONTINUED TO PAY SOME OF THEIR RENT  
8 OR EVEN ALL OF IT, BUT WE HAVE ALL AGREED IN THE PAST, AND I  
9 HOPE WE AGREE AGAIN TODAY, NO ONE SHOULD BE THREATEN  
10 THREATENED WITH EVICTION OR MADE HOMELESS BY THE PANDEMIC. SO  
11 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN THESE  
12 PROTECTIONS. TENANT ORGANIZERS, LEGAL SERVICES, HAVE REPORTED  
13 ALSO, AND WE HEARD IN TESTIMONY TODAY MORE THAN ONCE OR TWICE  
14 THAT SOME UNSCRUPULOUS PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN HARASSING  
15 RENTERS, I THINK IN THE HOPES OF GETTING THEM OUT AND RE-  
16 RENTING THEIR PLACE, THROUGH PHYSICAL INTIMIDATION, ILLEGAL  
17 RENT HEIGHTS, REMOVAL OF GATES AND LIGHTS, AND THREATS OF  
18 EVICTION, AND THAT IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE IN THIS TIME OF OUR  
19 DEEPENING CRISIS. SO THE PROPOSED PROTECTIONS IN THIS MOTION  
20 ARE ON TWO TIMELINES, SOME THAT ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY,  
21 WHICH I WILL OUTLINE QUICKLY, AND SOME THAT GO INTO EFFECT ON  
22 FEBRUARY 1ST BECAUSE THERE IS A STATE LAW THAT EXPIRES ON  
23 FEBRUARY 1ST, AND WE NEED TO ENACT ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS SO  
24 THAT THOSE PROTECTIONS ARE CONTINUED IF THE STATE DOES NOT ACT  
25 BEFORE THEN. SO IT IS A BASELINE OF MINIMUM PROTECTIONS FOR

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1 ALL CITIES IN THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR COUNTY  
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. FIRST, THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE  
3 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY EXTENDS THE MORATORIUM THROUGH THE END  
4 OF FEBRUARY, CLARIFIES THAT TENANTS CANNOT BE EVICTED FOR NON  
5 PAYMENT OF RENT DURING THE COUNTY'S PROTECTED TIME PERIOD FROM  
6 MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020. THAT IS CLARIFIED IN THIS  
7 MOTION. THIRD, CLARIFIES THE KINDS OF HARASSMENT AND  
8 INTIMIDATION AGAINST TENANTS THAT ARE PROHIBITED, MORE OF A  
9 DESCRIPTION SO EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT NOT TO DO. FOURTH,  
10 PROHIBITS EVICTION FOR TENANTS WHO REASONABLY DENY ENTRY TO  
11 THE LANDLORDS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. SOME LANDLORDS  
12 ARE USING THAT AS AN EXCUSE WHEN THEY DON'T NEED TO GO IN ON  
13 AN EMERGENCY BASIS, AND OF COURSE WE DON'T WANT ANY STRANGERS  
14 COMING INTO OUR HOUSES NOW AND HAVE A RIGHT TO SAY NO. SO WE  
15 ARE SAYING YOU CANNOT EVICT A TENANT WHO REASONABLY REFUSES  
16 ENTRY IN A NON-EMERGENT SITUATION. AND FINALLY, ASK COUNTY  
17 COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK ON OUR ABILITY TO INCREASE FINES FOR  
18 PROPERTY OWNERS WHO VIOLATE THE LAW. THE SECOND SET OF  
19 PROTECTIONS GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 1ST. THIS FIRST SET, IF  
20 THIS PASSES TODAY, GO IN RIGHT AWAY, BUT THESE FOLLOWING ONES  
21 WOULD GO IN FEBRUARY 1ST. PROTECTS TENANTS FROM EVICTION IF  
22 THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PAY RENT DURING COVID AND ARE UNABLE  
23 TO PAY THE ENTIRE BACK-OWED RENT BY THE END OF THE 12-MONTH  
24 REPAYMENT PERIOD, THEY STILL ARE PROTECTED, OR IF THEY FALL  
25 BEHIND ON THEIR VOLUNTARY REPAYMENT PLANS. THESE ARE IN THE

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1 STATE LAW WHICH EXPIRES FEBRUARY 1ST. WE ARE PICKING IT UP AND  
2 PUTTING IN THE COUNTY LAW. SECONDLY, REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO  
3 APPLY THE RENT THEY RECEIVE TO THE CURRENT MONTH UNLESS THE  
4 TENANT AGREES IT SHOULD BE APPLIED IN SOME OTHER WAY. AND  
5 THIRD, PROTECTS TENANTS FROM EVICTIONS WHERE AN UNLAWFUL  
6 DETAINER SUIT HAS BEEN FILED BUT NOT ADJUDICATED BECAUSE A LOT  
7 THINK THEY HAVE TO MOVE OUT JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING WAS FILED.  
8 THAT IS NOT THE CASE. I AM REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, MADAM  
9 CHAIR, FOR COAUTHORING THIS WITH ME. I'D LIKE TO INDICATE THAT  
10 WE HAVE A SMALL CHANGE IN DIRECTIVE 1C4, WHICH PREVIOUSLY  
11 BEGAN REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO APPLY A RENTAL PAYMENT TO  
12 SOMETHING BESIDES THE PERSON'S CURRENT RENT, WHICH IS JUST THE  
13 OPPOSITE OF WHAT WE MEANT. SO WE ARE CHANGING THE LANGUAGE,  
14 WHICH IS WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO BEGIN WITH, IN DIRECTIVE  
15 1C4 THAT READS PROHIBITING LANDLORDS FROM APPLYING A MONTHLY  
16 RENTAL PAYMENT TO ANY RENTAL DEBT OTHER THAN THE PROSPECTIVE  
17 MONTH'S RENT, WHICH IS WHAT I SAID IN THE DESCRIPTION AS WELL.  
18 THEY HAVE TO APPLY IT TO THE CURRENT RENT. I KNOW THAT MY  
19 COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, BUT I  
20 WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AS MY COAUTHOR, AND LET  
21 YOU DECIDE WHAT ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I AM FINE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN  
24 I'LL GO AFTER HER. SO SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE AN  
25 AMENDMENT?

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2   **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL MAKE THIS SHORT. AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR  
3   KUEHL AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I REALLY APPRECIATE,  
4   SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU BREAKING IT DOWN THE WAY YOU DID. THE  
5   AMENDMENT ACTUALLY IS WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AS WELL, I AM NOT  
6   GOING TO READ THE PREAMBLE BECAUSE IT REALLY DOES REPEAT WHAT  
7   I THINK YOU SAID AND JUST HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THAT. AND SO, THE  
8   FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IS WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
9   SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COORDINATION  
10   WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
11   AFFAIRS AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO 1) CONVENE A GROUP  
12   OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS MADE UP OF TENANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS  
13   AND/OR THEIR ADVOCATES TO HOLD MONTHLY DISCUSSIONS ON THE  
14   PROVISIONS OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM UNTIL THE COUNTY'S  
15   MORATORIUM IS LIFTED, 2) REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON A  
16   QUARTERLY BASIS WITH A SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND  
17   POLICY OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
18   EVALUATION OF THE COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM. AND WE FURTHER  
19   MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF  
20   CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21   DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH  
22   RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO ENHANCE COORDINATION OF HOUSING  
23   PROGRAMS TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS  
24   IMPACTED BY THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK  
25   FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE ACCEPT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND I WILL BE BRIEF. THANK YOU,  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION WITH  
8 YOU. I THINK WE HEAR IT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS  
9 AROUND THE COUNTY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROVIDE AND  
10 STRENGTHEN EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR ALL OF OUR RENTERS, OUR  
11 TENANTS, AND OUR LANDLORDS AND REALLY WORKING TO TRY TO  
12 ASSIST THEM IN ANY AND MANY WAYS WE CAN AND BEING CREATIVE  
13 ABOUT IT. JUST ONE FACTOID, WHICH I THINK, SHEILA, SUPERVISOR  
14 KUEHL, HAD ALREADY RAISED WAS THERE WAS A JOINT STUDY BY  
15 U.C.L.A. AND U.S.C. STATING THAT ONLY ABOUT 7 PERCENT OF  
16 HOUSEHOLDS DID NOT PAY RENT AT LEAST ONCE BETWEEN MAY AND JULY  
17 OF THIS YEAR. SO WHILE INSTANCES OF NON PAYMENT REMAIN  
18 RELATIVELY LOW, THE INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENTS ARE STILL VERY  
19 COMMON. SO I THINK THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
20 ADDRESS, AND I, AS WE SPOKE EARLIER ON A MOTION I HAD ALSO  
21 TRYING TO GET OUR DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH OUR HOUSEHOLDS WHO  
22 ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT BY EXHAUSTING THEIR CREDIT, DIPPING  
23 INTO SAVINGS, AND BORROWING MONEY. SO ALL OF THIS I THINK GOES  
24 HAND IN HAND, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU AND THE STAKEHOLDERS  
25 FOR WORKING WITH US IN OUR CALLINGS AND HAPPY TO JOIN YOU. SO

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1 IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON  
2 THIS ITEM?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, SO I WANT TO START OFF BY GIVING MY FULL  
9 SUPPORT TO THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,  
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DEFINITELY BELIEVE WE NEED TO EXPAND L.A.  
11 COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM UNTIL THROUGH AT LEAST THE END OF  
12 NEXT MONTH. AS YOU KNOW, SO MANY FAMILIES ARE FACING  
13 DEVASTATING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. SOME ARE HAVING -- EVEN THOUGH  
14 YOU CITED THOSE STATISTICS, WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY  
15 THAT STILL JUST CAN'T PAY THEIR RENT, AND THE COUNTY NEEDS TO  
16 WORK WITH THESE FAMILIES AND MAKE SURE THEY STAY IN THEIR  
17 HOMES. WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO ADD TO OUR HOMELESS COUNT  
18 BECAUSE PEOPLE, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, JUST THIS  
19 PANDEMIC HAVE CAUSED THEM TO BE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. THAT  
20 SAID, MY OFFICE HAS BEEN RECEIVING A LOT OF CALLS AND CONCERNS  
21 FROM MOM AND POP LANDLORDS ABOUT THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM AND  
22 HOW IT MAY IMPACT THEIR OWN ABILITY TO PAY THEIR BILLS. I  
23 PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT MEET WITH STAKEHOLDERS  
24 REPRESENTING THESE LOCAL LANDLORDS' INTERESTS TO ENSURE THAT  
25 WE HAD A TRANSPARENT PROCESS WHEN TOPICS REGARDING THE

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1 MORATORIUM AND OTHER RENTER PROTECTIONS ARE DISCUSSED. SO  
2 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INTRODUCING THIS FRIENDLY  
3 AMENDMENT THAT I AM COAUTHORING, WHICH WILL REQUEST QUARTERLY  
4 MEETINGS BETWEEN THESE STAKEHOLDERS AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
5 TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT THESE MOM AND POP LANDLORDS FEEL  
6 INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RENTER PROTECTIONS. THIS  
7 AMENDING MOTION ALSO REQUESTS BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR  
8 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE TENANTS AND LANDLORDS WHO HAVE  
9 SOUGHT PROTECTION UNDER THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM. ULTIMATELY,  
10 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE NO ONE, RENTERS OR LANDLORDS, FALL  
11 THROUGH THE CRACKS DURING THIS CRISIS. OUR AMENDMENT TO THIS  
12 IMPORTANT MOTION WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THAT GOAL AND KEEP  
13 EVERYONE HOUSED DURING THEIR QUESTIONS, AND IF RAFAEL CARBAJAL  
14 IS AROUND, I JUST WANTED TO KNOW HOW WE ARE GETTING THE WORD  
15 OUT ABOUT THE EVICTION PROTECTIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE  
16 UNDER THIS MORATORIUM. IT SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS STILL A LOT OF  
17 CONFUSION OUT THERE, AND HOW CAN OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER  
18 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COORDINATE THOSE TENANTS AND LANDLORDS  
19 SEEKING PROTECTION UNDER THIS. SO JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS IF  
20 HE'S AROUND ON HOW WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF OUR  
21 COMMUNICATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS RAFAEL ONLINE, CARBAJAL, TO BRIEFLY  
24 SPEAK ON THIS? GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** RAFAEL? HELLO?

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE IS PROBABLY NOT ON. OKAY, HE IS NOT ON  
4 AT THIS TIME. OKAY, I DON'T HEAR HIM. RAFAEL? NO. OKAY THEN  
5 LET'S, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. SHE  
6 WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MADAM SUPERVISOR AND  
9 AGAIN TO YOU AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION  
10 FORWARD. I AGREE WITH ALL THAT'S BEEN SAID. I WANT TO COMMEND  
11 THIS BOARD FOR TAKING BOLD STEPS TO KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED, AND WE  
12 CERTAINLY CANNOT STOP PEOPLE NOW. I AGREE WE REALLY HAVE TO  
13 FIGURE OUT HOW TO CREATE A PROTECTIONS AND SUPPORTS TO BOTH  
14 TENANTS WHO ARE AT RISK AND MOM AND POP HOMEOWNERS THAT ARE AT  
15 RISK, TOO. I SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE WHEN WE EXPERIENCED OUR  
16 HOUSING CRISIS ALMOST A DECADE AGO AND HEARD AND WITNESSED IN  
17 MY OWN COMMUNITY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES.  
18 AND IN MANY INSTANCES, IT'S THE SAME POPULATION NOW THAT ARE  
19 REALLY HANGING ON BY A THREAD IN MAINTAINING THEIR PROPERTY  
20 AND PARTICULARLY THOSE MOM AND POP WHO OWN THOSE SMALL UNITS  
21 THAT ARE THE MOST AFFORDABLE RENT -- IN L.A. THE COUNTY. SO  
22 THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS. I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO  
23 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND CREATE A SENSE OF BALANCE OF HOW  
24 WE PROTECT BOTH TENANTS, WHO ARE VULNERABLE, PROTECT THEM FROM  
25 BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AND MAKING SURE THAT MOM AND POP

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1 HOMEOWNERS ALSO ARE NOT AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR PROPERTY  
2 BECAUSE IF THEY DO, WE ALL LOSE IF THOSE PROPERTIES ARE TAKEN  
3 OFF THE MARKET OR TAKEN OVER BY HUGE CONGLOMERATES THAT  
4 INCREASE RENTS BEYOND AFFORDABILITY. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE  
5 OPPORTUNITY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THIS MOTION.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE RAFAEL  
8 CARBAJAL NOW WITH CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WELCOME.

9

10 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU. I  
11 APOLOGIZE FOR THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. SO, GOOD AFTERNOON,  
12 HAPPY NEW YEAR. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS.  
13 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS NOTED, MY NAME IS  
14 RAFAEL CARBAJAL. I'M THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU AND THE  
16 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND TENACITY HELPING  
17 PEOPLE STAY HOUSED DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, AND THANK  
18 YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THIS  
19 CONVERSATION. TODAY'S EFFORTS TO UPDATE THE MORATORIUM AND  
20 CLARIFY PROTECTIONS IS EVIDENCE OF HOW COMPLEX IT CAN BE TO  
21 NAVIGATE. ADD OVERLAPPING FEDERAL AND STATE PROTECTIONS AND  
22 THE STRESSORS OF THE PANDEMIC, AND IT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND HOW  
23 PEOPLE CAN GET CONFUSED. WE ARE USING MULTIPLE STRATEGIES TO  
24 GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT EVICTION PROTECTIONS. THIS INCLUDED  
25 EFFORTS BY OUR HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS DIVISION AND AS

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1 PART OF OUR STAY HOUSED L.A. COUNTY EVICTION DEFENSE PROGRAM.  
2 SINCE THE ONSET OF THE EMERGENCY, OUR HOUSING AND TENANT  
3 PROTECTIONS TEAMS, WITH THE HELP OF DISASTER SERVICES WORKERS  
4 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND PARKS, HAVE MANAGED OVER  
5 18,0000 IN PERSON CALLS HELPING BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS  
6 NAVIGATE THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AND UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS  
7 AND RESPONSIBILITIES. OUR RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS A LIVE  
8 COUNSELOR AT 833-223-RENT. THAT'S 833-223-7368. THIS ALSO  
9 INCLUDED CONNECTING BOTH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS WITH AVAILABLE  
10 RESOURCES, SUCH AS L.A.C.T.A.'S RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, OUR  
11 EVICTION DEFENSE PROGRAM, AND OUR EXTENDED FORECLOSURE  
12 PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT OFFERS SERVICES TO BOTH HOME OWNERS  
13 AND SMALL MOM AND POP LANDLORDS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY UPDATED  
14 OUR D.C.B.A. WEBSITE WITH THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION,  
15 INCLUDING F.A.Q.S AND RESOURCES. SINCE THE ONSET OF THE  
16 PANDEMIC, WE HAVE HAD OVER 2.4 MILLION VISITORS TO OUR  
17 WEBSITE. AS PART OF OUR STATE HOUSING AND TENANT PROGRAM, WE  
18 ALSO LAUNCHED A USER-FRIENDLY MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE,  
19 STAYHOUSEDLA.ORG, THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES AND CONNECTS  
20 RESIDENTS TO RESOURCES. STAY HOUSED L.A. COUNTY HOLDS VIRTUAL  
21 KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOPS MORE THAN ONCE DAILY MONDAY THROUGH  
22 FRIDAY TO ADVISE TENANTS COUNTY-WIDE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND  
23 RESPONSIBILITIES. TO DATE, 162 WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.  
24 AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL TEAMS TO PARTNER  
25 AND HOST UPCOMING WORKSHOPS. WE USE TARGETED ADS THROUGH

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1 DIGITAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, WHICH HAS GARNERED APPROXIMATELY  
2 4.6 MILLION DIGITAL VIEWS, AND WE LEVERAGE MEDIA PLACEMENTS,  
3 INCLUDING HYPERLOCAL ETHNIC MEDIA CONVENINGS THROUGH OUR  
4 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE  
5 MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR POPULATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO CONDUCTED 12  
6 DIRECT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS WITH LANDLORD REPRESENTATIVES  
7 TO GARNER FEEDBACK AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. IN  
8 REGARDS TO COORDINATION, D.C.B.A. AND L.A.C.D.A. HAVE BEEN  
9 WORKING VERY CLOSELY SINCE THE ROLL OUT OF INITIAL COVID  
10 RELIEF PROGRAMS BOTH ON THE SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT SIDE AND ON  
11 THE HOUSING SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE PROGRAM COORDINATION AND  
12 ALIGNMENT, BUT TO YOUR QUESTION, THE RECENTLY APPROVED COVID  
13 RELIEF PACKAGE AND FUNDING PROVIDES D.C.B.A. AND L.A.C.D.A. A  
14 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT THESE PROGRAMS AND IDENTIFY  
15 LESSONS LEARNED AND MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS, SOME OF WHICH  
16 ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN TODAY'S ITEM 2D, ENHANCING THE L.A.  
17 COUNTY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM WHICH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS  
18 COAUTHORED TOGETHER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY KEY  
19 TOUCH POINTS TO COORDINATE AND INTEGRATE PROGRAMMING WITH A  
20 FOCUS ON HOW TO BEST STREAMLINE RENT RELIEF DOLLARS AND ALIGN  
21 TENANT AND LANDLORDS' NEEDS TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT TO BOTH OF  
22 THEM. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE WILL REVISIT HOW WE CONDUCT  
23 OUTREACH AS WELL, IN PARTICULAR THE PROPERTY OWNERS, AS THE  
24 NEW FUNDING OFFERS ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE DIRECT  
25 RELIEF TO LANDLORDS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR

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1 BOARD AND L.A.C.D.A. ON THESE EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING OUR  
2 COORDINATION TO HELP ENSURE TENANTS HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE AND  
3 LANDLORDS DO NOT LOSE THEIR PROPERTIES. BEFORE I END, THANK  
4 YOU, AND AGAIN IF I MAY, RESIDENTS AND LANDLORDS LOOKING FOR  
5 CLARITY CAN CONTACT US AT 833-233-RENT, WHICH IS 833-233-7368,  
6 OR VISIT BOTH STAYHOUSEDLACOUNTY.ORG OR RENT.LACOUNTY.GOV.  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RAFAEL. AND  
10 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU  
11 WANT TO MAKE ANY CLOSING COMMENT?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR COMMENTS. I  
14 MEAN THIS HAS BEEN, FROM THE TIME THAT WE FIRST INSTITUTED IT  
15 LAST SPRING, I THINK ONE OF, AMONG MANY, THE SAVING GRACES FOR  
16 PEOPLE WHO WERE REALLY RAPIDLY RUNNING OUT OF ANY RESOURCES. I  
17 MEAN SEEING 5,000 PEOPLE LINE UP FOR FOOD ON A WEEKEND, WE  
18 KNOW HOW HARD HIT PEOPLE ARE. SO, I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO MY  
19 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM AND  
20 ITS ASSOCIATED SECTIONS BEFORE AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR  
21 SUPPORT TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 7 IS  
24 BEFORE US AS REVISED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND AMENDED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1     SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM

2     EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.

5     SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

7     **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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9     **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR

10    KUEHL?

11

12    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

14    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

16    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

18    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

19

20    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

22    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

25

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-  
2   0.

3

4   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. MEMBERS, WE'LL NOW MOVE ON  
5   TO ITEM NUMBER 8, SUPPORTING AND BUILDING A SYSTEM OF  
6   ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
7   KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

8

9   **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE HAVE  
10   CONCENTRATED A LOT, NOT JUST TODAY, BUT OVER THE COURSE OF THE  
11   LAST WELL IT'S ALMOST A YEAR NOW, I THINK, ON MATTERS RELATED  
12   TO THE PANDEMIC, BUT IT'S INTERESTING THAT AT THE SAME TIME  
13   AND EVEN PREDATING THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY  
14   REIMAGINING, RETHINKING, AND RESTRUCTURING OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
15   ONE OF THE ELEMENTAL WAYS IN WHICH WE HAVE DONE THIS WAS TO  
16   BRING THE ORIGINAL MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,  
17   WHICH WAS CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST AND HAVE PUT JUDGE ARMSTEAD AT  
18   THE HELM OF THIS WITH THE HELP OF OUR C.E.O. AND NOW, THEY  
19   HAVE BEGUN TO ROLL OUT WHAT WE PROBABLY REFER TO AS LOW  
20   HANGING FRUIT, THOUGH NONE OF IT IS ALL THAT EASY. AND THAT'S  
21   WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS TO INCORPORATE ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST  
22   REPORT BACK THAT ARE BEING PUT INTO ACTION. YOU KNOW, IT WAS  
23   ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO THAT WE HIRED JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD THE  
24   FIRST EVER DIRECTOR OF THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE. AND WE WANTED TO  
25   ASK HER AND HER TEAM TO BUILD OUT THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY-BASED



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1 SYSTEM OF CARE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL. IT SOUNDS SIMPLE,  
2 RIGHT? BUT OF COURSE I THINK WE ALL SAW THAT IT WOULD BE A  
3 MONUMENTAL TASK, AND SOMEONE HAD TO ORGANIZE FIRST STEPS, NEXT  
4 STEPS, ETC. SO THAT'S WHY I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED TO BRING THIS  
5 MOTION TODAY WITH YOU AS COAUTHOR, MADAM CHAIR. IT RECOGNIZES  
6 THAT IN ONLY 90 DAYS, THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE GROUP AND THE  
7 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WHO CONTINUE TO BE  
8 "THE" DRIVING FORCE FOR CHANGE TOOK THE BLUEPRINT OF 26  
9 FOUNDATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH THIS BOARD ADOPTED AND  
10 DELIVERED TO THIS BOARD A PLAN THAT WE CAN POINT TO AS, PEOPLE  
11 WOULD SAY, A GOOD START. I WOULD SAY A REALLY GOOD START. AT  
12 FIRST GLANCE, IT'S A PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD PLAN TO SCALE UP  
13 DIVERSION. THE A.T.I. INITIATIVES' FIRST REPORT CALLED FOR AN  
14 EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM AS WELL AS  
15 THE LAUNCH OF A PRE-BOOKING AND PRE-FILING DIVERSION PROGRAM  
16 AT THE COUNTY'S TOP 10 ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS,  
17 THAT IS BY NUMBERS, DIVISIONS OR STATIONS OR DEPARTMENTS. SO,  
18 THAT KIND OF RAPID DIVERSION FULFILLS OUR MANDATE TO REDUCE  
19 RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION BECAUSE IT DIVERTS PEOPLE BEFORE  
20 THEY'RE EVEN BOOKED INTO CUSTODY AND BEFORE CHARGES ARE EVEN  
21 FILED AGAINST THEM. HOWEVER, THIS MOTION IS ABOUT MORE THAN  
22 JUST SCALING UP DIVERSION BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THOSE INITIAL  
23 EFFORTS REALLY LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE 26 FOUNDATIONAL  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE OTHER PART OF IT IS MOVING THE WORK OF  
25 DIVERSION FROM JUST COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, WHO IN MANY CASES ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE  
2 SERVICES AND TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, BUT  
3 THEY DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE CAPACITY YET TO DO IT OR EVEN THE  
4 EXPERIENCE. SO THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE WILL WORK WITH A THIRD-  
5 PARTY ADMINISTRATOR TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTION AS A COORDINATOR,  
6 AS A FACILITATOR, AS A REGIONAL CONVENER FOR THOSE WHO WILL DO  
7 THE WORK, BUT BY CREATING AN INCUBATION PROGRAM FOR  
8 COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS, WE WILL BE INVESTING IN THEIR  
9 SUCCESS AND IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES. THIS PLAN ALSO BEGINS A  
10 DESPERATELY NECESSARY PROCESS OF EXTENDING COUNTY CONTRACTING  
11 OPPORTUNITIES TO GRASSROOTS AND SMALLER NONPROFITS WHO HAVE  
12 ALWAYS DONE THE WORK BUT HAVEN'T ALWAYS BENEFITED FROM COUNTY  
13 FUNDING. THE CONTRACTING, WE KEEP SAYING YOU HAVE TO SIMPLIFY  
14 IT, ETC. AND NOW WE'RE ACTUALLY PUTTING, LITERALLY, OUR MONEY  
15 WHERE OUR MOUTH IS. SO THE PLAN SET FORTH IN THE INITIATIVE'S  
16 FIRST REPORT BACK IS SMART, STRATEGIC, METHODICAL, AND I THINK  
17 CHOOSES THE DOABLE AND VERY IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS. SO MY  
18 DEEPEST, DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO JUDGE ARMSTEAD AND HER TEAM.  
19 I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND HER STAFF BECAUSE THEY  
20 HAVE DEMONSTRATED A TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THIS INITIATIVE AND TO  
21 THE BOARD'S JUSTICE REFORM PRIORITIES, BUT MOSTLY TO THE  
22 COMMUNITY, WHO HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO DEVELOP THE  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHO HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY BEARING WITH THE  
24 COUNTY AS WE WERE THROWN OFF TRACK A LITTLE BIT BY THE COVID  
25 PANDEMIC AND HELPING US TO KEEP THE SHIP GOING. SO THIS WILL

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1 BE A GREAT START. THE INITIAL EFFORT GIVES ME GREAT HOPE OF  
2 THINGS TO COME. THEREFORE, I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR  
3 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO HELP IN  
4 PUSHING THIS INCREDIBLE WORK FORWARD WITH A YES VOTE. THANK  
5 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'VE REALLY OUTLINED  
8 THIS PROPOSAL IN SUCH A METICULOUS WAY AND ONE THAT IS SO  
9 COMPREHENSIVE. AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR. I,  
10 TOO, WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS, ALL OUR COMMUNITY  
11 ADVOCATES FOR REALLY HELPING TO MOVE THIS BOARD AS WELL AS OUR  
12 DEPARTMENTS AND OUR C.E.O. IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I AGAIN  
13 JUST WANT TO REITERATE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO  
14 UNDERSCORE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT  
15 CAME TO US BY OUR COMMUNITY AND BY OUR RESIDENTS. SO I AM VERY  
16 EXCITED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TO REALLY START TO DIG DOWN DEEP  
17 INTO OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE WE'VE SEEN THAT SYSTEMATIC CHANGE  
18 HAS TO OCCUR AND ESPECIALLY IN AREAS LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES,  
19 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, NORTHEAST L.A., AND POMONA. SO I WON'T SAY  
20 ANYTHING MORE EXCEPT THAT I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY  
21 TO PROVIDE FUNDING AND TRAINING TO OUR SMALLER C.B.O.S. FOR  
22 MANY PLACES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF  
23 BEING ABLE TO RELY ON COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS OTHER  
24 BOARD OFFICES HAVE IN THE PAST IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY.  
25 SO I THINK THIS IS A REAL GAME CHANGER FOR US. SO, AGAIN,

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1    THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY  
2    OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT WANT TO CHIME IN ON THIS? OKAY.  
3    HEARING NONE AT THIS TIME, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
4    SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY MYSELF. AND MADAM EXECUTIVE  
5    OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 8 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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9    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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11   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
12    KUEHL?

13

14   **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

16   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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18   **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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20   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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22   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

24   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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3    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER  
6    13, MITIGATING PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFFS, WHICH WAS HELD  
7    BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

8

9    **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS WE KICK OFF THIS FIRST  
10    BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR, WE FIND OURSELVES STILL IN THE  
11    MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC THAT HAS RADICALLY DISRUPTED SO MANY  
12    LIVES, AND I THINK DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY TRULY HIGHLIGHTED  
13    THAT WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT OUT OF THE WOODS. MANY ARE WITHOUT  
14    CONSISTENT INCOME, HAVE LOST JOBS, HAVE SUFFERED HEALTH  
15    IMPACTS, HAVE BECOME ISOLATED, AND FIND THEMSELVES STRUGGLING  
16    TO MAKE IT THROUGH EACH DAY. THE NECESSARY SAFER AT HOME  
17    PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS REQUIRED MANY TO ADAPT TO A NEW NORMAL.  
18    FOR THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO REMAIN EMPLOYED, MANY HAVE ADAPTED  
19    AND HAVE BEGUN TO WORK REMOTELY FROM HOME. MILLIONS OF  
20    CHILDREN ARE NOW DOING REMOTE LEARNING FROM THEIR HOMES AND  
21    ARE RELIANT ON THE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET TO CONTINUE THEIR  
22    EDUCATION. HOWEVER, AS SO MANY ARE ADAPTING AND MAKING  
23    SACRIFICES TO PROTECT THEIR COMMUNITIES, THEY FACE THE VERY  
24    REAL POTENTIAL OF A POWER SHUT OFF. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
25    EDISON, WHICH PROVIDES POWER TO SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY HAS INSTITUTED A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFF  
2 PROGRAM TO DE-ENERGIZE CIRCUITS IN AREAS WHERE WEATHER  
3 CONDITIONS POSE HIGH RISK FOR WILDFIRES. THIS PROGRAM ATTEMPTS  
4 TO BALANCE EDISON'S ABILITY TO CONSISTENTLY PROVIDE POWER TO  
5 THEIR CUSTOMERS AND TO MITIGATE THE VERY REAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
6 THREATS IN RURAL AND HILLSIDE COMMUNITIES. OVER THE PAST FEW  
7 YEARS, WE'VE SEEN THE GROWING DEVASTATION OF WILDFIRES IN OUR  
8 COMMUNITIES, AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THIS THREAT IS GOING  
9 AWAY ANY TIME SOON. THEY ARE OCCURRING MORE FREQUENTLY AND  
10 GROWING IN SIZE AND DEVASTATION. HOWEVER, EDISON'S EFFORTS  
11 COME AT A COST TO ITS CUSTOMERS. IN LESS TRYING TIMES, POWER  
12 SHUT OFFS CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT NUISANCE. DURING A PANDEMIC  
13 WHEN THERE ARE NO OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE, THEY CAN BE  
14 DEVASTATING. IN MANY OF OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES, RESIDENTS RELY  
15 ON WATER WELLS, WHICH CANNOT OPERATE DURING POWER SHUT OFFS.  
16 THESE COMMUNITIES ALSO LOSE ACCESS TO CELLULAR, INTERNET, AND  
17 TELEPHONE SERVICES, LEAVING THEM UNABLE TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY  
18 UPDATES. THESE SAME COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO EXTREME  
19 WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND IN THE MOST RECENT SHUT OFFS, WHICH  
20 OCCURRED ON THANKSGIVING DAY AND JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE,  
21 TEMPERATURES DIPPED BELOW FREEZING. OUR COMMUNITIES UNDERSTAND  
22 THAT EDISON HAS TO WEIGH THE REAL CONCERNS ABOUT WILDFIRES AND  
23 SAFETY WHEN DECIDING TO DO THE POWER SHUT OFF, BUT AS MANY ARE  
24 DOING THE RIGHT THING AND STAYING HOME, THEY SIMPLY CANNOT  
25 HAVE THEIR POWER TURNED OFF WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT MITIGATION.

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1 THERE NEEDS TO BE GREATER EMPATHY FROM EDISON FOR WHAT ITS  
2 CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES ARE GOING THROUGH AND TO IMPLEMENT  
3 APPROPRIATE MITIGATION TO MAKE THE SHUT OFFS AS PAINLESS AS  
4 POSSIBLE. THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE, AND WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER  
5 SOLUTION AT HAND, WHICH IS WHY I'M CALLING ON COUNTY  
6 DEPARTMENT TO WORK THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,  
7 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND THE LOS ANGELES DELEGATION TO  
8 EXPLORE ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MITIGATION  
9 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFF PROGRAM. THESE  
10 MITIGATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE FIXES TO THE COMMUNICATION AND  
11 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM THAT CAN BE HARD TO DECIPHER AS WELL AS  
12 ABILITY FOR CUSTOMERS TO REACH A LIVE PERSON. MITIGATIONS  
13 SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE EXPLORING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL  
14 VOUCHERS FOR DISPLACED RESIDENTS, POTENTIAL REIMBURSEMENT, AND  
15 THE DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES SUCH AS GENERATORS TO MITIGATE  
16 IMPACTS WHEN OUTAGES ARE PROJECTED TO GO ON FOR A FEW DAYS.  
17 HOWEVER, I WILL NOTE THAT I WANT THIS TO BE A COLLABORATIVE  
18 PROCESS, AND I WANT TO WORK WITH EDISON TO FIND SOLUTIONS. MY  
19 OFFICE WILL WORK IN COORDINATION WITH EDISON TO HELP IDENTIFY  
20 LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN REMOVING ANY HURDLES  
21 TO DEPLOYING NEEDED RESOURCES TO MITIGATE IMPACTS. I WANT TO  
22 PUBLICLY THANK KEVIN PAYNE, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, FOR REACHING OUT TO PROVIDE US  
24 MORE DETAILS ON THEIR PLANS AND EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
25 WORKING WITH HIM AND WITH HIS STAFF TO COMMUNICATE THESE



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1 EFFORTS TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK FOR AN  
2 AYE VOTE ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I'D LIKE TO  
5 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BOY, DO I SUPPORT THIS.  
8 THE FIFTH HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD HIT, BUT WE'RE RUNNING  
9 YOU A CLOSE SECOND IN THE THIRD. WITH ALL OF THE FIRE DANGER,  
10 WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED WITH WOOLSEY, ALTHOUGH NOW ALL OF OUR  
11 DISTRICTS HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF THIS SCOURGE, BUT  
12 THIS HAS BEEN VERY HARD ON OUR -- ON MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE  
13 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THEY DON'T GET ANY NOTICE. THEY HAVE  
14 NO BACKUP GENERATORS. THEY, YOU KNOW -- AND THEY CAN'T ACCESS  
15 INFORMATION, AS YOU INDICATED, SUPERVISOR BARGER, BECAUSE THEY  
16 CAN'T CHARGE THEIR PHONES, THEY -- FOOD ROTS. EVERYTHING IS  
17 GOING WRONG. AND EVERYBODY'S LIVING AT HOME AND WORKING AT  
18 HOME AND TRYING TO STAY SAFE. SO I ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOIN YOU  
19 IN THIS MOTION. I AGREE A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS IS THE WAY IT  
20 SHOULD BE AND OFFER ANY HELP THAT WE CAN OFFER IN THE THIRD TO  
21 SUPPORT ANY OF IT BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS THESE ACTIONS THAT  
22 EDISON IS TAKING AND NOT EXACTLY DOING THE RIGHT THING ALWAYS  
23 DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE FIFTH AND THE  
24 THIRD. SO WE'RE WITH YOU AND SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND THANK YOU  
25 VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I ALSO WANT TO  
3   THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. YOU  
4   KNOW, POWER SHUT OFFS IN FIRE AND FLOOD PRONE AREA IMPACTS  
5   131,889 PEOPLE   IN OUR FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES AND 550  
6   TRANSMISSION LINES THAT COME FROM SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS THAT  
7   PROVIDE POWER TO A LARGER PORTION OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING  
8   THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH WAS IMPACTED DURING SOME OF  
9   THESE SHUTDOWNS. LAST YEAR, CALIFORNIA EXPERIENCED 3 OUT OF 4  
10   OF THE LARGEST FIRES IN OUR STATE'S HISTORY. AND WE HAVE TO  
11   ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS AT THE HEART OF THE  
12   DEVASTATION. AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND ALL  
13   OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY NOW, WHO LIVE NEAR WILD LAND  
14   AREAS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE UPCOMING RAINSTORM SEASON.  
15   BLACKOUTS, UNHEALTHY AIR QUALITY, HIGH TEMPERATURES, AND THE  
16   PANDEMIC IMPOSE REAL HARDSHIPS ON OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND  
17   ESPECIALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. AND I DON'T HAVE TO  
18   REITERATE, BUT I KNOW THAT MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS, ESPECIALLY  
19   THE ELDERLY, WERE CAUGHT OFF GUARD. SO WHEN THEIR ELECTRICITY  
20   WENT OFF, THAT MEANT THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE AIR CONDITIONING,  
21   HEAT. THAT MEANT THAT THEIR REFRIGERATION,   THEIR MEDICINES  
22   WERE ALSO IMPACTED, AND IN SO MANY WAYS, AND ESPECIALLY DURING  
23   THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WHICH NO ONE WANTS TO GO THROUGH. SO I  
24   WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE  
25   ACCOMMODATIONS IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOTEL VOUCHERS,

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1 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR PETS, AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS FOR  
2 REIMBURSEMENTS TO IMPACTED CUSTOMERS THROUGH REDUCING THEIR  
3 MONTHLY BILLINGS, AND USING A MULTILINGUAL PROCESS FOR  
4 CUSTOMERS TO SUBMIT THEIR CLAIMS, ESPECIALLY IN HARD-PRESSED  
5 AREAS. SO I, TOO, SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND WOULD ASK IF  
6 THERE'S ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS  
7 ITEM. AND HEARING NONE, THEN. [SILENCE.] NO OTHER COMMENTS,  
8 ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
10 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
13 MITCHELL?

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
18 KUEHL?

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GETTING

12 THERE. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 15, PROMOTING FAITH

13 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTY-WIDE MOVEMENT TO PREVENT

14 AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY MY OFFICE. AND

15 I THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR COAUTHORING ALONGSIDE

16 WITH ME. THE HEALTH CRISIS HAS FORCED US TO REALIZE THE

17 LIMITATIONS OF OUR SYSTEMS TO SWIFTLY AND EFFICIENTLY DELIVER

18 LIFESAVING SERVICES TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THANKS

19 TO THE INNOVATIVE EFFORTS SUCH AS PROJECT ROOM KEY IN WHICH WE

20 PARTNERED WITH THE STATE, WE WERE ABLE TO LEASE THOUSANDS OF

21 ROOMS TO BRING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS INDOORS AND PROTECT

22 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND FROM CONTRACTING COVID-

23 19, BUT WE STILL HAVE FALLEN SHORT. AND THERE ARE TENS OF

24 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO STILL REMAIN UNSHELTERED. THE COVID

25 CRISIS, AS YOU KNOW, MADE CONDUCTING THE 2021 HOMELESS COUNT

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1 UNSAFE. BUT LAST JANUARY, WE COUNTED MORE THAN 66,000 PEOPLE  
2 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN L.A. COUNTY.  
3 THE COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS WAS TO US BEFORE THE PANDEMIC  
4 AND WILL POSSIBLY EVEN GROW FURTHER IF WE DON'T MAKE THESE BIG  
5 CHANGES. THAT'S WHY I'M URGING THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS  
6 MOTION TO FINALLY MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE VALUE  
7 AND INTEGRATE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF OUR FAITH-BASED  
8 ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF HOMELESSNESS. THE  
9 MOTION WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PROCURE A CONSULTANT FOR A  
10 PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVES,  
11 COUNTY-WIDE SURVEY OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCESS AND  
12 UNDERSTAND HOW F.B.O.S ALREADY PROVIDE SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO  
13 MANY OF OUR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY. THE  
14 SURVEY WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND WHO'S BEING SERVED AND WHO IS  
15 AVAILING THEMSELVES OF SERVICES OFFERED BY THESE FAITH-BASED  
16 INSTITUTIONS AND ALSO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN TRY TO PROVIDE A  
17 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. THIS INFORMATION WILL ILLUSTRATE THE  
18 RESOURCES THAT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AT THEIR  
19 DISPOSAL, SUCH AS LAND, A STRONG VOLUNTEER BASE, AND ALSO THE  
20 COSTS THEY INCUR AND THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE TO SCALE UP  
21 THEIR SERVICES. THE GOALS ARE FAMILIAR. 1) TO BUILD CAPACITY.  
22 2) ALIGN AND STREAMLINE SERVICE DELIVERY SO THAT INDIVIDUALS  
23 ACCESS ALL THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE ENTITLED TO. 3) IMPROVE  
24 COMMUNICATION ACROSS OUR SYSTEMS. AND 4) IDENTIFY AND  
25 ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO GROWING THESE LIFESAVING PROGRAMS.

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1    FINALLY, WE WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A  
2    COUNTY FAITH COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS TO ESTABLISH THIS  
3    INFORMATION AND FULLY INTEGRATE OUR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
4    INTO THE WORK THAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE FOR YEARS TO COME. WE  
5    KNOW THAT THERE ARE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING  
6    EMERGENCY SHELTERS, SERVING MEALS, PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS SUCH  
7    AS CLOTHING, SHOES, AND HYGIENE. AND IN MY DISTRICT, I KNOW  
8    MANY OF YOU HAVE ALSO FACED THIS, AS WELL, THERE ARE MANY OF  
9    OUR FAITH-BASED GROUPS THAT SERVE MEALS TO INDIVIDUALS AND  
10    MANY THAT ARE HOMELESS AND LIVING ON THE STREETS, WHETHER IN  
11    OUR PARKS OR EVEN IN OUR RIVER BEDS. AND THERE ARE SUCH GROUPS  
12    THAT I KNOW EXIST PERSONALLY IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND I WANT TO  
13    POINT OUT DOLORES MISSION THAT PROVIDES A SAFE HAVEN AND  
14    SHELTER FOR ANYONE WHO KNOCKS ON THEIR DOOR. THESE ARE FAITH-  
15    BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN DELIVERING  
16    SERVICES TO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESSNESS AND  
17    WITHOUT SHELTER. SO MOREOVER, WE'LL CONTINUE TO ROLL OUT I  
18    KNOW OUR COVID-19 VACCINE TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS,  
19    AND WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO INCLUDE OUR FAITH-BASED  
20    ORGANIZATIONS TO BE OUR CRITICAL PARTNERS IN THESE AND OTHER  
21    SIMILAR EVENTS. THEY'RE TRUSTED BY THEIR CONGREGANTS AND ARE  
22    ALSO SERVE TO HELP THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND KNOW THEM,  
23    AND THEY'RE TRUSTED. SO NO GOVERNMENT WILL SOLVE HOMELESSNESS  
24    ALONE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT PARTNERSHIP WITH FAITH-BASED  
25    COMMUNITIES IS THE WAY TO GO. I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE THIS

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1 MOTION BEFORE YOU, AND I WILL ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND I WILL  
2 NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO JOINED ME AS MY  
3 COAUTHOR.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING  
6 THE LEAD AND FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR. I THINK ALL OF US  
7 ARE CLEAR THAT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT ALL OF OUR  
8 CHURCHES AND TEMPLES, MOSQUES, SYNAGOGUES, AND OTHER FAITH-  
9 BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALWAYS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. YOU  
10 KNOW, SCRIPTURE STATES, YOU KNOW, IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
11 BELIEVERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEAST AMONG US, THE LEAST OF  
12 THESE. AND THAT CERTAINLY IS WHAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE  
13 ALWAYS DONE IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD. YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE TAKEN  
14 THE LEAD IN MANY INSTANCES AROUND ESTABLISHING FOSTER FAMILY  
15 AGENCIES, PROVIDING CHILDCARE SERVICES, FOOD PANTRIES. YOU  
16 KNOW, MANY HAVE -- OPERATE VERY SOPHISTICATED COMMUNITY  
17 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS THAT HAVE BUILT HOUSING, AND IN TIMES  
18 OF CRISIS LIKE THIS, THEY HAVE CERTAINLY STEPPED UP FOR OUR  
19 UNHOUSED FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO BE -- TO FILL THE  
20 GAP AROUND PROVIDING SAFE PLACES TO SHOWER AND FOOD DRIVES TO  
21 PROVIDE SAFE SHELTER. SO I THINK IT IS HIGH TIME THAT  
22 GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE SAFETY NET LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT,  
23 RECOGNIZE THEIR EFFORTS AND FIGURE OUT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN  
24 COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE THEIR PAST HISTORY AND EXISTING  
25 RELATIONSHIPS TO DO MORE ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST OF THESE. I'M



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1 PROUD TO BE ABLE TO BE IN THIS POSITION TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH  
2 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE OUTCOME OF  
3 COMBINING OUR EFFORTS TO SEE WHAT COLLECTIVELY WE REALLY CAN  
4 DO ON BEHALF OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO NEED OUR SUPPORT. I'M  
5 PROUD TO CAST A SUPPORTING VOTE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, I'LL RECOGNIZE  
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
11 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD  
12 TODAY. FOR DECADES OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERS HAVE PLAYED AN  
13 INTEGRAL ROLL TO IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN NEED. AND  
14 ONE ONLY HAS TO LOOK AT D.C.F.S. AND SEE THE ROLE THAT ALL  
15 SAINTS IN PASADENA HAVE PLAYED IN SUPPORTING OUR FOSTER YOUTH  
16 AND SUPPORTING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS IT RELATES TO THOSE  
17 CHILDREN THAT, BY NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, ARE IN OUR SYSTEM.  
18 AND IN FACT, LONG BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR COORDINATED  
19 ENTRY SYSTEM AND THE COUNTY'S FORMALIZED APPROACH TO COMBATING  
20 HOMELESSNESS, CHURCHES AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WERE  
21 STEPPING UP TO PROVIDE SAFE HARBOR AND ASSISTANCE FOR  
22 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE HEARD  
23 FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAKE AVENUE CHURCH TODAY IN  
24 PASADENA. AND I ALSO THINK OF UNION RESCUE MISSION. ANDY BALES  
25 AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN PROVIDING INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO PEOPLE

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1 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE SKID ROW AREA AND OTHER PARTS  
2 OF THE COUNTY. UNION RESCUE MISSION AND HOPE GARDENS IN MY  
3 DISTRICT ARE RESOURCES THAT HAVE TRULY SAVED LIVES. HOPE  
4 GARDENS REMOVES WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM SKID ROW AND OFFERS  
5 THEM JOB TRAINING AND SCHOOL AND SUPPORT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO  
6 GET BACK ON THEIR FEET, BUT THEY RELY ON PRIVATE FUNDRAISING  
7 EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN THEIR EFFORTS AND DO NOT RECEIVE PUBLIC  
8 DOLLARS, DESPITE THEIR CRITICAL ROLE AND THE ROLE THAT THEY  
9 PLAY IN COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. IN RECENT YEARS, DESPITE AN  
10 UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HOMELESS  
11 HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, FAITH-BASED GROUPS HAVE LARGELY  
12 BEEN LEFT OUT OF COUNTY-LED EFFORTS. I ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT  
13 IT'S TIME TO BRING THESE PARTNERS INTO THE FOLD FROM A  
14 STRUCTURAL AND A FUNDING PERSPECTIVE. I COMMEND OUR FAITH-  
15 BASED GROUPS AND THEIR STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE  
16 MOST VULNERABLE. AND I THINK IT IS TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO  
17 RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND FAITH-  
18 BASED PARTNERS IN THIS WORK. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT AS THE  
19 SURVEYING EFFORTS BEGIN, WE ARE CAREFUL TO INCLUDE  
20 CONGREGATION PARTNERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY.  
21 REPRESENTING THE NEED FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN  
22 DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE COUNTY IS CRITICAL AS WE  
23 MOUNT THESE EFFORTS FOR BETTER INCLUSION. I ALSO WANT TO  
24 HIGHLIGHT THERE'S A REAL NEED IN THIS MOMENT TO REBUILD TRUST  
25 AND PARTNERSHIP WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE

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1    FALLEN ON ESPECIALLY HARD TIMES DUE TO COVID-19. AS WE  
2    APPROACH OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERS WITH THESE EFFORTS, WE MUST  
3    BE SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT MANY CHURCHES HAVE BEEN SEVERELY  
4    IMPACTED IN THESE TIMES WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT GATHER TO WORSHIP.  
5    WE CANNOT ASK OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERS TO STEP UP AND DO MORE  
6    IF WE ARE NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING WAYS TO SUPPORT THEM DURING  
7    THESE TRYING TIMES. I WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE THE C.E.O.'S  
8    OFFICE AND THE CONSULTANT THAT WE PROCURE THROUGH THIS MOTION  
9    TO ENSURE THAT WE APPROACH OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS AND THAT THERE  
10   IS A LAYER OF SENSITIVITY. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK EACH AND  
11   EVERY ONE OF OUR CHURCHES AND FAITH-BASED GROUPS FOR THEIR  
12   UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE MOST IN NEED EVEN  
13   THROUGHOUT THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. I AM TRULY PROUD TO  
14   SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY. AND I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
15   AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING WAYS TO  
16   BETTER INCORPORATE AND SUPPORT OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERS INTO  
17   OUR BROADER EFFORTS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. WITH THAT, I WILL  
18   SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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20   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OTHER?

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22   **SUP. HAHN:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK.

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24   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK  
2    YOU AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.  
3    IT IS JUST SO PERFECT FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. AND I AGREE  
4    THAT IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE COUNTY REACH OUT TO OUR FAITH-  
5    BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE HOW WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER TO ADDRESS  
6    THIS HOMELESS CRISIS. AND AS HAS BEEN SAID, MANY OF THESE  
7    ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCHES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FEEDING,  
8    CLOTHING, HOUSING OUR HOMELESS WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT  
9    OR INVOLVEMENT. IT IS THEIR STRONG-HELD BELIEF AND DEVOTION  
10   THAT DRIVES THEM TO MAKE THIS DIFFERENCE. TWO YEARS AGO, I  
11   HOSTED A HOMELESS SUMMIT AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH IN  
12   LOMITA WITH THE CHURCHES AND THE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION IN  
13   MY DISTRICT TO SEE HOW MY OFFICE COULD CONNECT AND SUPPORT THE  
14   GREAT WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING. AND AS A RESULT OF JUST THAT  
15   ONE SUMMIT, WE ARE ABLE TO CREATE NEW PROGRAMS AND  
16   PARTNERSHIPS SUCH AS A SHOWER PROGRAM WITH THE WAY OUT  
17   MINISTRIES IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS. AND YOU HEARD FROM PASTOR LISA  
18   THIS MORNING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT FROM UNITED METHODIST  
19   CHURCH IN SAN PEDRO HOW THEY'RE EVEN BUILDING AFFORDABLE  
20   HOUSING ON A VACANT LOT AND WERE ONE OF THE FIRST CHURCHES TO  
21   REACH OUT TO US BECAUSE OF THAT SUMMIT AND ASKED TO HAVE  
22   MOBILE SHOWERS SHOW UP REGULARLY IN THEIR PARKING LOT. WE  
23   EXPANDED FOOD HELP FOOD BANK WITH DOWNEY METHODIST CHURCH, AND  
24   WE PROVIDED MORE MEALS TO FEED WITH HOMELESS WITH ST. MATTHIAS  
25   IN WHITTIER. AND IT WAS THAT COALITION, COLLEAGUES, THAT

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1 HELPED ME GET THAT SAN PEDRO SHELTER, IF YOU REMEMBER, UP AND  
2 RUNNING IN SIX WEEKS THAT PROVIDED 40 BEDS. IT WAS BECAUSE,  
3 YOU KNOW, I HAD DEVELOPED THESE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE  
4 CHURCHES WHO HELPED ME NAVIGATE SOME OF THE MINEFIELDS THAT  
5 MANY OF US ENCOUNTER IN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO DO  
6 GOOD WORK. SO THIS IS SO IMPORTANT. I REALLY WANT TO, AGAIN,  
7 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING THIS  
8 FORWARD. I KNOW LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS OF THIS  
9 REPORT ON HOW THE COUNTY CAN PARTNER ON A GRAND SCALE. AND  
10 AGAIN I'M GLAD SUPERVISOR BARGER BROUGHT UP OUR FOSTER CARE  
11 PROGRAM. IT WAS JUST A QUICK OUTREACH TO ALL OF OUR CHURCHES  
12 SAYING WE NEED -- WE WERE DESPERATE FOR EXTRA HOMES AND ROOMS  
13 TO TAKE IN FOSTER KIDS WHEN WE WERE RUNNING OUT OF PLACES, AND  
14 THEY STEPPED UP IMMEDIATELY. SO THEY'RE READY TO HELP. THIS IS  
15 GREAT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT PARTNERSHIPS GOING  
16 FORWARD. I THINK THIS WILL REALLY MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN A  
17 NUMBER OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE FACING IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK  
18 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS THAT  
21 WANT TO SPEAK, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU AND ESPECIALLY MY  
22 COAUTHOR AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERS IN THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY,  
23 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK JACQUELINE DU PONT WALKER, WHO IS  
24 SITS WITH US ON THE METRO BOARD WHO SERVES ON OUR ECONOMIC  
25 RESILIENCY TASK FORCE. AND SHE WAS REALLY ONE THAT BROUGHT

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1 THIS WHOLE NOTION TO US. AND I WANT TO THANK HER, AND I THANK  
2 ALL OF OUR PARTNERS OUT THERE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING TO EDUCATE  
3 THE COUNTY AS WELL AS SOME OF US IN TERMS OF THE KINDS OF WORK  
4 THAT CAN REALLY GO A LONG WAY IN PROVIDING RESPECT AND DIGNITY  
5 TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION, WHETHER IT'S THROUGH SHOWER,  
6 MOBILE SHOWER PROGRAMS, OR EVEN MOBILE LAUNDRY PROGRAMS, OR  
7 PROVIDING A GOOD MEAL AND CLOTHING TO PEOPLE, AND GIVING THEM  
8 THAT HOPE THAT THEY NEED. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM. SO  
9 HEARING THAT NO OTHER COMMENTS ON ITEM 15, WHICH IS BEFORE US,  
10 I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE  
11 ITEM. AND I'D ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE  
12 ROLL.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 15 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
15 MITCHELL?

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
20 KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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3    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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7    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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9    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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11    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-

12    0.

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14    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'RE GOING

15    TO TURN NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 59B, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE HERO PAY

16    FOR FRONTLINE -- I'M SORRY. I SKIPPED AN ITEM HERE. ITEM 50.

17    GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF. THIS IS ITEM 50, CALIFORNIA BOATING

18    SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT, FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM AMENDMENT

19    RESOLUTION WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN,

20    YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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22    **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO, THIS SEEMS TO BE

23    KIND OF A SIMPLE THING THAT WE'RE DOING. WE'RE RECEIVING THIS

24    \$2.1 MILLION GRANT FROM THE STATE. AND EVERY YEAR SINCE 1995,

25    THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT HAS RECEIVED THE ENTIRE \$2.1



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1 MILLION FOR THEIR LIFEGUARD SERVICES. THIS BOATING SAFETY AND  
2 ENFORCEMENT GRANT HAS BEEN A STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR OUR  
3 LIFEGUARDS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
4 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE ALWAYS APPLIED FOR THE GRANT  
5 TOGETHER. AND THE MONEY HAS ALWAYS GONE TOWARD OUR LIFEGUARDS  
6 WHO PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE KEEPING OUR BEACHES SAFE AND  
7 ACCESSIBLE, BUT THIS YEAR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DECIDED  
8 THEY WERE NO LONGER GOING TO COLLABORATE, AND THEY INSISTED ON  
9 TAKING HALF OF THE FUNDS AWAY FROM OUR LIFEGUARDS. AND JUST TO  
10 REMIND THE BOARD THAT WE VOTED 5-0 TO CONTINUE GIVING THE  
11 FUNDS TO OUR FIRE DISTRICT, BUT THEN IT GOT A LITTLE  
12 COMPLICATED, AND OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO HAND OVER  
13 THE DATA THAT THE STATE NEEDED TO PROCESS THE GRANT. SO IN THE  
14 EFFORT OF COLLABORATION, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREED TO SHARE  
15 THE MONEY. SO THIS MEANS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW,  
16 LOSING \$2.1 MILLION THAT THEY'VE BEEN USED TO AND HAVE REALLY  
17 COME TO DEPEND ON. AND SO, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS  
18 A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$3.4 BILLION, THIS 1 MILLION THAT THEY'RE  
19 GOING TO GET AS A SPLIT OF THIS IS REALLY A TINY DROP IN THE  
20 BUCKET. AND THEY SAID THEMSELVES IT REALLY WON'T HELP THEM  
21 EXPAND THEIR SERVICES, BUT FOR OUR LIFEGUARDS, WITH A TOTAL  
22 BUDGET OF ONLY 59 MILLION, THE LOSS OF 1 MILLION, OR THE LOSS  
23 OF 2 MILLION, HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT SOURCE OF REVENUE WILL BE  
24 DEVASTATING. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO DO TODAY IS  
25 ACCEPT THIS GRANT, THIS \$2.1 MILLION GRANT, KNOWING THAT IT'S

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1 GOING TO BE SPLIT, BUT THEN I'M GOING TO READ IN THIS  
2 AMENDMENT THAT ASKS THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH  
3 ALTERNATE FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION  
4 DISTRICT OF L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE UP FOR THIS LOSS IN REVENUE  
5 FROM THIS CALIFORNIA BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT FINANCIAL  
6 AID PROGRAM. AND I REALLY BELIEVE OUR LIFEGUARDS NEED THIS.  
7 IT'S IMPORTANT. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT. WE'RE  
8 ACCEPTING THE GRANT. WE'RE ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT IT'S GOING  
9 TO BE SPLIT, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR C.E.O. FINDS  
10 ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT THE LIFEGUARDS HAVE  
11 COME TO DEPEND ON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS?  
14 GREAT, HEARING NONE, THEN ITEM 50 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US.  
15 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE THE  
16 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 50 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.  
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
24 KUEHL?

25

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1 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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3 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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5 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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7 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

8 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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10 SUP. BARGER: AYE, SORRY. AYE.

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12 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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16 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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18 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. OKAY. NOW, MEMBERS, WE'LL NOW MOVE

19 ON TO ITEM 59B, HERO PAY FOR THE FRONTLINE GROCERY AND DRUG

20 RETAIL EMPLOYEES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH I HELD. AND

21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS MY COAUTHOR. SO I'D LIKE TO START BY

22 JUST SAYING THAT THE GLOBAL HEALTH PANDEMIC HAS MADE VERY

23 CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIES AS DEEMED ESSENTIAL. AND

24 WHEN I THINK OF ESSENTIAL, MANY OF OUR INDUSTRIES THAT COME TO

25 MIND INCLUDE THE GROCERY AND DRUG PHARMACY EMPLOYEES. NOTABLY,

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1 THESE FRONTLINE WORKERS HAVE REPORTED TO WORK FROM THE VERY  
2 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. THEY DEALT WITH THE RUSH OF  
3 CUSTOMERS PANICKING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, STOCKING  
4 UP ON FOOD AND SUPPLIES AND CLEANING AND CLEANING AND  
5 CLEANING. AND IF YOU RECALL, THIS WAS BEFORE THE USE OF MASKS  
6 WAS EVEN MADE AVAILABLE TO US. GROCERY AND PHARMACY WORKERS  
7 HAVE SERVED THEIR COMMUNITIES DESPITE THE ONGOING DANGER OF  
8 BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19. AND BECAUSE OF THEM, FAMILIES HAVE  
9 BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS THE FOOD AND MEDICINE THEY NEED DURING THE  
10 PANDEMIC. THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU KNOW, IS FAR FROM OVER. AND THE  
11 HEALTH THREATS THESE WORKERS FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY ARE REAL AS  
12 THEY WERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. GROCERY RETAILERS,  
13 SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, HAVE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE WITH OVER  
14 500 BUSINESSES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE COUNTY ALONE.  
15 GROCERY AND DRUG RETAILERS HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED A SURGE IN  
16 DEMAND DURING THE PANDEMIC WITH THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE STUDY  
17 SHOWING A 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN PROFIT IN 2020. SEVERAL  
18 GROCERY CORPORATIONS OFFERED \$2 TO \$4 HOURLY RAISES TO  
19 EMPLOYEES AT THE OUTSET OF THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, THE  
20 INCREASE, KNOWN AS HERO PAY, LAPSED IN MAY, WHILE PROFITS AND  
21 CASES HAVE SURGED. THESE MAJOR PUBLICITY, I'M SORRY. THESE  
22 MAJOR PUBLICLY TRADED AND NATIONAL CHAINS CELEBRATED THEIR  
23 WORKFORCE AS FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC.  
24 AND JUST YESTERDAY, UNFORTUNATELY, WE LEARNED THAT SEVERAL  
25 LARGE NATIONAL RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECIDED TO

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1 FIRE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND REPLACE IN-HOUSE DRIVERS WITH LOWER  
2 PAID INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT DURING THE  
3 HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC. THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ECONOMIC  
4 UNRAVELING HAVE WIDENED THE ALREADY DEEP DIVIDE BETWEEN LOW  
5 WAGE AND FRONTLINE WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS. FOR ME, IT'S  
6 IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY ACT WITH URGENCY TO SUPPORT THESE  
7 WORKERS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE JUSTLY COMPENSATED FOR THE  
8 UNPRECEDENTED RISKS THAT THEY ENCOUNTER EACH AND EVERY DAY ON  
9 THE JOB. THAT'S WHY I INTRODUCE THIS MOTION TO REQUIRE GROCERY  
10 AND DRUG RETAIL STORES WHO ARE PUBLICLY TRADED OR HAVE 300  
11 MORE EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN 10 EMPLOYEES PER STORE  
12 SITE TO PROVIDE ALL EMPLOYEES WITH HERO PAY. THIS WOULD BE AN  
13 ADDITIONAL \$5 PER HOUR IN WAGES TO SUNSET IN 120 DAYS. ACROSS  
14 THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITIES HAVE INTRODUCED SIMILAR  
15 URGENCY ORDINANCES, SUCH AS THE HERO PAY, INCLUDING HERE IN  
16 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IN LONG BEACH, AND SAN FRANCISCO. THE  
17 COUNTY REMAINS, AS YOU KNOW, COMMITTED TO DO MORE FOR OUR LOW  
18 WAGE FRONTLINE GROCERY AND DRUG RETAIL WORKERS. AND I LOOK  
19 FORWARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL  
20 PROVIDE RELIEF TO ROUGHLY OVER 2,000 FRONTLINE WORKERS IN  
21 UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTIES. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO  
22 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AS MY COAUTHOR. SUPERVISOR  
23 MITCHELL?

24

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN.    AND I  
2    THINK THE TIME OF THE MOTIONS WITH REGARDS TO HEROES PAY  
3    REALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE ULTIMATE    GOAL. I WAS TAKEN ABACK FROM  
4    HEARING YOUR OPENING REMARKS ABOUT ACTIONS TAKEN BY EMPLOYERS  
5    IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS, WHICH I THINK RUNS COUNTER TO ALL WE  
6    KNOW IS APPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF WORK PLACE SAFETY AND HOW WE  
7    ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND A  
8    SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF US WHO ARE RELYING ON THESE  
9    ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO HELP US STAY SAFE. WHILE MANY OF US HAVE  
10   THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING FROM HOME, FRONTLINE WORKERS, GROCERY  
11   AND DRUG RETAIL EMPLOYEES, SHOW UP FOR ALL OF US EACH AND  
12   EVERY DAY. AND THESE WORKERS, WE KNOW, ARE AT RISK OF  
13   PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS WHILE WE, THE CONSUMERS, ARE  
14   ABLE TO GET IN AND OUT QUICKLY TO REDUCE OUR EXPOSURE. SO  
15   WE'VE GOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISK AND SACRIFICE THESE MEMBERS  
16   OF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE MAKING AND COMPENSATE THEM ACCORDINGLY.  
17   THE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION SOUGHT BY THIS MOTION WILL NOT FIX  
18   ALL INEQUITIES, I'M CLEAR ABOUT THAT, BUT WILL PROVIDE SOME  
19   REPRIEVE. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AND URGE MY  
20   COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME AS WE CONTINUE TO SEEK NEW AND  
21   INNOVATIVE WAYS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT THAT THIS VIRUS IN  
22   IMPOSING ON OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE  
23   RESIDENTS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, MADAM CHAIR.  
24

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR  
2    BARGER?

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4    **SUP. BARGER:** I HAVE A QUESTION. DOES THIS APPLY ONLY TO THOSE  
5    EARNING MINIMUM WAGE BECAUSE IN THE MOTION IT SAYS ALL  
6    WORKERS?

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8    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IN MY ANALYSIS, THIS WOULD APPLY TO THOSE  
9    INDIVIDUALS THAT WE'VE OUTLINED. IT SAID THAT YOU HAVE 300 OR  
10    MORE EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AT LEAST 10 EMPLOYEES  
11    BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY IS OBVIOUSLY MINIMUM WAGE, BUT WE DO  
12    KNOW THAT MANY OF THEM DID RECEIVE SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE, \$2  
13    TO \$4, AND THEN IT WAS CUT OFF I THINK BACK IN MAY, AS I SAID  
14    EARLIER. SO REGARDLESS, I BELIEVE PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING IN  
15    MANY WAYS, AT LEAST I FOUND THIS ANECDOTALLY WHEN I GO TO MY  
16    MARKET OR MARKETS. I USUALLY SEE A LOT OF OLDER WOMEN, OLDER  
17    INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE WORKING AND MAY NOT HAVE OTHER MEMBERS IN  
18    THE HOUSEHOLD WORKING, BUT THEY'RE SHOWING UP, DON'T HAVE  
19    FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EVEN TO PROVIDE P.P.E. AND SO IT IS A  
20    HARDSHIP. AND I THINK THAT, WHILE THESE CORPORATIONS ARE  
21    DOING WELL, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST DURING THE PANDEMIC PROVIDE  
22    SOME SEMBLANCE OF ASSISTANCE.

23

24    **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SO IF IT APPLIES TO THOSE BEYOND  
25    MINIMUM WAGE, TO COUNTY COUNSEL, DO WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY, FOR



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1   EXAMPLE, AT MY MARKET THERE ARE PHARMACISTS THAT ARE WORKING.  
2   SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IF WE HAVE THE ABILITY FOR  
3   THOSE THAT ARE MAKING A SALARY ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE?

4

5   **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. THE BOARD  
6   HAS BROAD POLICE POWERS TO ENACT SUCH AN ORDINANCE AS THIS  
7   UNDER ITS POLICE POWERS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION IN  
8   THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AND THEN UNDER THE  
9   EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, THERE'S ALSO THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE IT  
10   EXPANDED THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO  
11   LIMITATION, AT LEAST THAT I'M AWARE OF --

12

13   **SUP. BARGER:** WELL SO, ROD, I WOULD POINT TO YOUR F.A.Q. SHEET  
14   THAT YOU PREPARED WHERE IT SAYS IF AN EMPLOYEE IS PAID \$20  
15   BEFORE THE HERO PAY ORDINANCE, \$15 MINIMUM WAGE PLUS \$5  
16   PRIVATE AGREED TO WAGES, THAT EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ENTITLED TO  
17   \$25, \$15, \$5. I MEAN -- AND THEN THE COUNTY MAY ENFORCE  
18   MINIMUM WAGE AND HERO PAY, BUT THE COUNTY IS NOT, IS LIKELY  
19   NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE ANY PRIVATE AGREED-TO WAGES BETWEEN  
20   EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE THAT EXCEED WAGE AND HERO PAY. THAT'S  
21   WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE YOUR F.A.Q.  
22   SHEET CONTRADICTS THAT.

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24   **ATTORNEY:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD CAN IMPOSE THE ADDITIONAL  
25   \$5 PER HOUR. IF THE EMPLOYER HAS VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO AN

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1 AGREEMENT TO PAY ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IT'S UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT  
2 IN TIME WHETHER THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THAT  
3 ADDITIONAL -- THAT THE EMPLOYER CONTINUE TO PAY THAT  
4 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT THAT IT HAS AGREED TO WITH ITS EMPLOYEES TO  
5 PAY.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** SO WE CAN ASK, BUT WE CAN'T MANDATE.

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9 **ATTORNEY:** WE CAN CERTAINLY -- THE COUNTY CAN CERTAINLY MANDATE  
10 THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$5 PER HOUR BE PAID UNDER THE --

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THIS ONLY APPLIES TO UNINCORPORATED MARKETS,  
13 CORRECT?

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** SO IF THERE WERE -- LET'S THROW OUT A FOOD CHAIN.  
18 I'LL MAKE ONE UP SO I DON'T PICK ONE THAT'S A FAVORITE, BUT  
19 A.B.C., THAT'S GOT MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND HAS FIVE  
20 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AND THEN THE REMAINDER IN INCORPORATED  
21 CITIES. WOULD IT MANDATE THAT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO DO BUSINESS  
22 WITH THE COUNTY, THEY HAVE TO APPLY TO ALL THEIR MARKETS?

23 [SILENCE.]

24

25 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, I WILL HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

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2     **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S MY CONCERN. I MEAN, I THINK THAT, WHILE I  
3 UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE ME, EARLY ON IN THE PANDEMIC AND EVEN  
4 OVER THE HOLIDAYS WHEN I LOOKED AND WENT TO THE MARKET AND SAW  
5 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THESE PEOPLE  
6 DESERVE HERO PAY. AND I KNOW THAT AT ONE PLACE CALLED LOWE'S,  
7 I WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE WHO WORKS THERE WHO, IN FACT, IS  
8 GETTING HAZARD PAY, AND THEY ARE CALLING IT HAZARD PAY BECAUSE  
9 THEY RECOGNIZE THAT EACH AND EVERY DAY THESE PEOPLE ARE  
10 PUTTING THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY COULD CONTRACT  
11 THE VIRUS. SO I'M NOT NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I JUST WANT TO  
12 MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE NOT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES BY  
13 PUTTING SOMETHING INTO PLAY THAT WE MAY NOT RECOGNIZE MAY HAVE  
14 AN ADVERSE OR AN OPPOSITE IMPACT ON EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO  
15 DO. SO, WITH THAT, I'M JUST GOING TO RESERVE TO BETTER  
16 UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES TO THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM  
17 CHAIR.

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19     **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT BUT  
20 WE'RE LOOKING AT GROCERY AND RETAIL STORES WHO ARE PUBLICLY  
21 TRADED OR HAVE 300 OR MORE EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN  
22 10 EMPLOYEES PER STORE SITE TO PROVIDE ALL EMPLOYEES HERO PAY.  
23 AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT, IN MY PARTICULAR AREA, THE  
24 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE'RE ALREADY FOOD DESERTS. I HATE TO  
25 SAY THAT. AND IT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF

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1 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPACTED BY COVID ARE THE ESSENTIAL  
2 WORKERS WORKING AT THESE STORES AND NOT GETTING THE RELIEF.  
3 THEY'RE EXHAUSTED. THEY'RE SHOWING UP. MANY OF THEM DON'T HAVE  
4 THE LUXURY OF HAVING P.P.E. ALSO PROVIDED TO THEM BY THE  
5 GROCERY STORE. AND CERTAINLY, AS I SAID, THERE ARE OTHER  
6 CITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY GONE ON THIS ROUTE. UP NORTH, WE HAVE  
7 SAN FRANCISCO. WE HAVE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF  
8 LONG BEACH. AND KEEP IN MIND, THIS IS JUST FOR 120 DAYS. AND  
9 THERE WILL BE AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK. SO WE'LL  
10 HAVE TIME TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS AND MAYBE GATHER UP THE  
11 INFORMATION THAT YOU CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. SO I DON'T  
12 HAVE ANY QUALMS WITH GETTING MORE INFORMATION, BUT I DO KNOW  
13 THAT THESE FOLKS ARE SUFFERING. AND I WOULD ASK RESPECTFULLY  
14 ON THIS IF THERE ARE ANY BOARD MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO  
15 CHIME IN ON THIS. IF NOT --

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO SAY YEAH, I ECHO ALL OF YOUR  
18 COMMENTS. THE SAME SENSATION I HAVE WHEN I AM IN AND OUT OF MY  
19 VONS MARKET, YEAH, YOU CAN JUST SEE THE STRAIN ON THESE  
20 WORKERS. YOU CAN SEE IT THROUGH THEIR SHIELDS AND THEIR MASKS.  
21 THEY DO FEEL VERY VULNERABLE. AND I JUST WILL TAKE THIS  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HOW UPSETTING IT IS TO ME WHEN I DO GO IN  
23 SOME OF THESE GROCERY STORES, AND IT'S CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT  
24 ABIDING BY 35 PERCENT CAPACITY OR WHATEVER THE CURRENT HEALTH  
25 ORDER IS. I KNOW EVEN MY VONS TOOK UP THE MARKERS ON THE FLOOR

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1 ONLY, YOU KNOW, A COUPLE OF MONTHS INTO THIS PANDEMIC, AND I  
2 COMPLAINED TO THE MANAGER. AND THEY SAID WELL, CORPORATE VONS  
3 WANTS US TO LOOK LIKE WE'RE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL. SO THAT'S  
4 THE KIND OF CORPORATE ATMOSPHERE MANY OF THESE FRONTLINE  
5 WORKERS ARE WORKING IN. AND SO, I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SUPPORT A  
6 REPORT BACK ON THIS, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY  
7 TO SAY THAT MANY OF THESE STORES ARE CREATING HAZARDOUS  
8 ENVIRONMENTS, CERTAINLY FOR CUSTOMERS AS WELL AS FOR THEIR  
9 WORKERS, WHO, AS ONE OF YOU SAID, YOU KNOW, WE RUN, I THINK IT  
10 WAS HOLLY, WE RUN IN AND OUT. THEY'RE THERE FOR EIGHT HOURS.  
11 SO THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE  
12 INFORMATION THAT WE GET BACK.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS. AND I  
15 MEAN, YOU AND I, WE'RE ALL READING THE SAME NEWS. AND WE SEE  
16 RECENTLY THAT COSTCO, TRADER JOE'S, EVEN STORES THAT ARE IN  
17 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE PEOPLE ARE COMING IN UNMASKED,  
18 AND THEY REFUSE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST THE PEOPLE THAT  
19 ARE WORKING THERE. AND IT'S REALLY HORRIFIC BECAUSE THEY ARE  
20 SHOWING UP EVERY DAY. AND SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF COVID  
21 COME FROM THOSE FRONTLINE WORKERS THAT ARE WORKING IN OUR  
22 GROCERY STORES. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD HONOR THEM IN  
23 THIS MANNER. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAD A QUESTION.

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** I DID. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND  
2    THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE SITUATIONS. WE'VE SEEN A LOT  
3    RECENTLY MADE NATIONAL NEWS, NEWSWEEK YESTERDAY, ABOUT A GROUP  
4    OF UNMASKED PEOPLE WHO STORMED A MALL. AND, YOU KNOW,  
5    RECOGNIZING THAT THEY ARE PUTTING THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE AT  
6    RISK IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THEIR OWN POLITICAL STATEMENT AND  
7    HOW TRAGIC THAT TRULY IS. I JUST WANTED TO GO BACK BECAUSE I  
8    LISTENED TO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S QUESTION. MY INITIAL THOUGHT  
9    WAS IF YOU WERE TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THIS WOULD BENEFIT  
10    HOURLY WORKERS VERSUS SALARIED. AND SO, I GUESS THAT'S AN  
11    ADDITIONAL QUESTION I WOULD ADD JUST AS WE REALLY TRY TO GET  
12    DOWN TO THOSE WHO ARE TRULY FRONTLINE AT RISK VERSUS PERHAPS  
13    THOSE IN MANAGEMENT WHO ARE SALARIED EMPLOYEES WHO MAY NOT  
14    COME IN CONTACT WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS FREQUENT AS THOSE  
15    WHO ARE TRULY FRONTLINE. SO IT WAS INITIALLY A QUESTION FOR  
16    SUPERVISOR BARGER, BUT I THINK MAYBE IT'S FOR COUNSEL TO JUST  
17    PROVIDE THAT CLARITY, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF WHO WE REALLY ARE  
18    FOCUSING THIS MOTION TO BENEFIT.

19  
20    **SUP. KUEHL:** I DO HAVE A CLARIFICATION QUESTION.

21  
22    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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24    **SUP. KUEHL:** WHEN COUNSEL WAS TALKING, I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE  
25    IMPORTANT IN THE REPORT BACK TO UNDERSTAND OR TO HELP OUR

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1 EMPLOYERS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN'T JUST BACK OUT \$5 IF  
2 THEY'RE PAYING OVER THE MINIMUM WAGE AND THEN ADD IN \$5 FOR  
3 HAZARD PAY SO THAT PEOPLE END UP EARNING THE SAME AMOUNT, AND  
4 I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION BECAUSE  
5 I COULD JUST SEE SOMEBODY CHEATING, YOU KNOW, LIKE THAT. I'M  
6 ASSUMING THAT WHEN PEOPLE TAKE A JOB, IT'S CONSIDERED A  
7 CONTRACT FOR THE MONEY THAT THEY'RE PAID, BUT I THINK IT WOULD  
8 BE GOOD FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN YOU REPEAT THAT? SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT IF  
13 SOMEONE IS MAKING LIKE \$20 AN HOUR AND MINIMUM WAGE IS 15,  
14 THEY CAN'T BACK OUT THE 5 AND THEN PAY THEM 20, IS THAT WHAT  
15 YOU'RE SAYING?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I'M HOPING THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HAZARD OR  
18 HERO PAY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE PAY BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM.  
19 AND WHEN ROD SAID IT WASN'T CLEAR THAT WE COULD IMPACT THE  
20 MONEY THAT THEY VOLUNTARILY ARE BEING PAID OVER AND ABOVE  
21 MINIMUM WAGE, I WONDERED WHETHER WE COULD HAVE A CLARIFICATION  
22 ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT WHEN I GO TO WORK SOMEWHERE,  
23 IT'S A CONTRACT OF SOME KIND THAT THEY'RE PAYING ME A CERTAIN  
24 AMOUNT FOR THAT JOB. AND THEY CAN'T BACK IT OUT AND FILL IT IN  
25 AGAIN AND CALL IT HERO PAY.



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2 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK THAT QUESTION, THEN,  
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO YOUR POINT, WHERE A PLACE LIKE LOWE'S IS  
4 CURRENTLY PAYING HAZARD PAY, IF THERE IS A MARKET THAT IS ALSO  
5 PAYING HAZARD PAY, AND BY THE WAY, COME UP AND SHOP AT MY  
6 MARKETS BECAUSE MY TRADER JOE'S WILL NOT LET YOU IN WITHOUT A  
7 MASK AND MAKES YOU WAIT IN LINE. AND MY VONS HAS A PERSON  
8 THERE COUNTING AS YOU COME IN, WHICH IS WHY I GO EARLY AND GO  
9 OFTEN, BUT I GUESS MY QUESTION IS IS THAT IF THEY ALREADY HAVE  
10 HAZARD PAY, IS THIS GOING TO BE IN ADDITION TO THAT? OR IS  
11 THIS GOING TO BE HERO, HAZARD, IT'S RECOGNIZED THAT THE WORK  
12 THEY'RE DOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WOULD BE NORMAL WITHOUT  
13 THE PANDEMIC?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT COUNTY COUNSEL IS GOING  
16 TO HAVE TO HELP US CLARIFY. THE WHOLE ESSENCE OF THIS IS THAT  
17 WE'RE IN THE PANDEMIC, AND THERE IS A TIME LIMIT ON IT. SO I  
18 THINK WE CAN LOOK AT WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE DONE AND  
19 GO FROM THERE. SO CERTAINLY WE WANT THAT INCLUDED IN THE  
20 REPORT BACK AND THE INFORMATION THAT WE OBTAIN FROM COUNTY  
21 COUNSEL.

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISORS. WE WILL DEFINITELY INCLUDE  
24 THAT AS PART OF OUR REPORT BACK AND AS PART OF THE PROPOSED  
25 ORDINANCE.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, IS THIS A REPORT BACK OR DRAFTING AN  
3 ORDINANCE? I THOUGHT IT WAS DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE, BUT I KNOW  
6 THERE WILL BE TIME FOR US TO LOOK AT IT, AS COUNTY COUNSEL  
7 DOES MAKE SURE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WITH OUR OFFICES AND  
8 WITH OUR DEPUTIES AND OUR CHIEFS OF STAFF.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WANT BE TRANSPARENT ON ALL OF THIS,  
13 OBVIOUSLY. AND IT IS A TIMELY ISSUE BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE  
14 PANDEMIC. AS YOU AND I KNOW, THE BOARD KNOWS, WASHINGTON  
15 DIDN'T DO THE RIGHT THING FOR MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW  
16 ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW. THEY DIDN'T GET THE 2,000. THEY GOT  
17 MAYBE THE 600, AND NOT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE MAYBE EVEN QUALIFY  
18 IN SOME CASES. AND WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT A SMALLER  
19 POPULATION. IT'S UNINCORPORATED, AND WE CAN LOOK AT IT FROM  
20 THAT PERSPECTIVE. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. I APPRECIATE  
21 YOUR SUPPORT AND WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS MATTER.  
22 IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, THEN I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS  
23 ITEM AND SECOND BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.  
24 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 59B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR

2 MITCHELL?

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4 SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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6 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR

7 KUEHL?

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9 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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11 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

12

13 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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15 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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17 SUP. BARGER: ABSTAIN.

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19 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR

20 SOLIS?

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22 SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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24 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0

25 WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ARE  
3 GOING ON TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 68, A HEARING ON PROJECT  
4 NUMBER 2019-004157 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF  
5 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF  
6 CASTAIC. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY  
7 REMARKS?

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NONE? ALL RIGHT. THEN IT WOULD BE  
12 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO VOTE ON THIS  
13 ITEM. SO ITEM 68 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 68 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
18 MITCHELL?

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
23 KUEHL?

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25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?  
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN? SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. NOW MOVING ON  
14 TO SPECIAL ITEMS NUMBER 60. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE  
15 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE  
16 POSTED AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED  
17 ON A FUTURE AGENDA. ARE THERE ANY ITEMS FROM MEMBERS? NO, I  
18 HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD WE DO. SO WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIALS  
19 TODAY. SO MEMBERS, NOW LET'S TURN TO ADJOURNMENTS. AT THIS  
20 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, AND LET US  
21 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, MADAM  
24 CHAIR. YOU KNOW, IT'S INTERESTING AS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES  
25 WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE

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1 PROVIDED STELLAR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, BUT I THINK IT'S  
2 DOUBLY IMPACTFUL AND POWERFUL WHEN THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALSO  
3 PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW THAT HAVE BEEN FRIENDS IN OUR OWN LIVES.  
4 AND, FOR THE FIRST ADJOURN IN MEMORY FOR ME, THAT PERSON FITS  
5 THAT CATEGORY IN THE PERSON OF BERNARD "BERNIE" ROLLINS. HE'S  
6 BEEN REFERRED TO AS A MULTIFACETED INFLUENCER, WHO WAS  
7 CONSISTENTLY CUTTING EDGE WITH HIS SOCIAL, POLITICAL  
8 JOURNALISM, BOLD MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION WRITING, AND  
9 STRIKING ILLUSTRATIONS, REPRESENTING THE BLACK ANGELENO  
10 COMMUNITY FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY. MR. ROLLINS IS NOT A NATIVE  
11 ANGELENO. HE WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN BED-STUY IN NEW YORK IN  
12 BROOKLYN IN 1933 AND UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY IN THE DISTRICT  
13 I REPRESENT ON DECEMBER 21ST OF 2020 AT THE AGE OF 87. HE  
14 STUDIED CIVIL ENGINEERING AT CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK BEFORE  
15 MARRYING AND RELOCATING TO L.A. IN 1959 FOR A CAREER FOR WHAT  
16 HE THOUGHT WOULD BE IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, BUT HIS ART AND  
17 DESIGN TALENTS WERE RECOGNIZED, AND HE WAS GIVEN, AFFORDED THE  
18 OPPORTUNITY BY JOHN DANIELS, TO REALLY TRANSITION FROM HIS DAY  
19 JOB TO FOLLOW HIS PASSION AND HEART AROUND ARTS AND CULTURE  
20 AND FOR THAT TO BE HIS FULL TIME PROFESSION. HIS  
21 CONCEPTUALIZED DESIGN FOR A BRAND NEW THEN MUSIC VENUE THAT MY  
22 PARENTS FREQUENTED, TRUST ME, IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT CALLED  
23 MAVERICK'S FLAT IS WHAT BROUGHT BERNIE'S, I THINK, ARTWORK TO  
24 THE FOREFRONT FROM ALL OF US AS ANGELENOS. HIS DESIGN AND  
25 ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE VENUE HELPED HIS ARTWORK GAIN

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1 NOTORIETY THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE RELOCATED TO  
2 VIETNAM TO DESIGN AIRFIELDS AND BRIDGES. AND WHILE THERE, HE  
3 MET WHO WOULD SOON BECOME HIS SECOND WIFE, AND THROUGH KIND OF  
4 THE INDOCTRINATION INTO THE CULTURE IN SAIGON THROUGH HIS  
5 MARRIAGE, HE THEN EXPANDED, REALLY, HIS VISION AND COMMITMENT  
6 TO ART. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING A BEAUTIFUL ORIGINAL  
7 OIL PIECE HE PAINTED IN SAIGON IN 1968 OF A VIETNAMESE MAN  
8 BEGGING. IT'S A POWERFUL, POWERFUL PIECE. ALL THESE YEARS  
9 LATER, IT HANGS IN HIS CURRENT HOME. AND IRONICALLY WHILE IN  
10 VIETNAM, HE WAS RECRUITED BY REGINA JONES AND HER HUSBAND, WHO  
11 WERE STARTING IN ITSELF A CUTTING EDGE MAGAZINE CALLED "SOUL  
12 ILLUSTRATED" IN 1968. AND WHILE LIVING AND WORKING IN SAIGON,  
13 HE BECAME THE ART DIRECTOR FOR THIS PUBLICATION THAT WAS  
14 REALLY CUTTING EDGE IN TERMS OF COMBINING ART INTO THIS  
15 PERCEPTION OF, YOU KNOW, THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN THE LATE  
16 '60S, EARLY '70S. THEY TALKED ABOUT CUTTING EDGE ISSUES AROUND  
17 THE PARTICIPATION OF BLACKS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, AN  
18 ISSUE THAT WE STILL REALLY STRUGGLE WITH. THERE'S A FAMOUS  
19 LAYOUT THAT BERNIE DID ON AN ARTICLE TALKING ABOUT THE BLACK  
20 COP AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN  
21 LOS ANGELES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, AN ISSUE WE STILL CONFRONT  
22 EACH AND EVERY DAY. IN THE 1970S, BERNIE TURNED HIS ATTENTION  
23 TO SCREENWRITING AND BECAME A CO-WRITER FOR THE INFLUENTIAL  
24 TELEVISION SERIES "BLACK OMNIBUS" THAT STARRED JAMES EARL  
25 JONES AND CELEBRATED THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF BLACK AMERICANS



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1 BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
2 ENTERTAINMENT FIELD CONTINUED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF HIS FILM  
3 COMPANY, CHOCOLATE CHIP PRODUCTIONS, IN THE '70S AND '80S. I  
4 CAME TO KNOW BERNIE IN THE EARLY '90S, WHEN HE MET AND MARRIED  
5 MY DEAR FRIEND AND FORMER COLLEAGUE FRAN JEMMOTT, AND TOGETHER  
6 SINCE '93, THEY OWNED AND OPERATED JEMMOTT/ROLLINS GROUP, A  
7 CONSULTING FIRM FOR MAJOR PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS FOR 17  
8 YEARS. AND THEY'VE SUPPORTED LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION AND THE  
9 CONRAD HILTON FOUNDATION AND MANY, MANY C.B.O.S THROUGHOUT  
10 L.A. IT WAS IN THIS SPACE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO INCORPORATE HIS  
11 UNIQUE TALENT FOR INCORPORATING VISUAL ART INTO THE CONSTANT  
12 STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS  
13 SIGNIFICANT CULTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BLACK FILM GENRE OF  
14 THE 1970S AND THE ICONIC "SOUL ILLUSTRATED" MAGAZINE, AS AN  
15 INFLUENTIAL SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND A TALENTED ARTIST. MR.  
16 ROLLINS IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FRAN, DAUGHTER, LESLIE, SON  
17 BRENT, TWO, I DON'T WANT TO SAY STEPCHILDREN, CHILDREN OF  
18 LOVE, MICHEL AND BERNARD, TWO BROTHERS, CLYDE AND SAMUEL, SIX  
19 GRANDCHILDREN, CHARLES, ERIC, GEORGE, MALCOLM, PAULENA, AN  
20 AND TRECEY, IN ADDITION TO MANY EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
21 MENTEES, WHO I WOULD CONSIDER MYSELF ONE, ALL OF US WILL MISS  
22 HIM DEARLY. AGAIN, BERNARD "BERNIE" ROLLINS, I ASK THAT WE  
23 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

24  
25 SUP. KUEHL: CAN I ASK --

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO JOIN YOU, HOLLY. I KNEW,  
5 OBVIOUSLY, I MET BERNIE THROUGH FRAN JEMMOTT WHEN WE WERE  
6 BOTH ON THE LIBERTY HILL BOARD. AND I TELL YOU, EVERY TIME  
7 THINGS GOT SERIOUS, BERNIE WOULD LIGHTEN IT UP. HE WAS JUST AN  
8 AMAZING MAN. SO I WONDER IF I MAY JOIN YOU IN THIS. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.  
11 NEXT, IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HAYWARD M. MCNEILL. MR. MCNEILL WAS  
13 BORN IN 1934 IN REX, NORTH CAROLINA AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST  
14 DECEMBER IN THE COMMUNITY I REPRESENT OF LADERA HEIGHTS AT THE  
15 AGE OF 86. HE WAS A FORMER SECOND DISTRICT APPOINTED  
16 COMMISSIONER ON THE L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION,  
17 SERVING TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVER A PERIOD  
18 OF 16 YEARS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN  
19 1950, HE RELOCATED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO FOCUS ON A CAREER AS  
20 A NURSE. WHILE SERVING AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE AND  
21 CHARGE ATTENDANT AT CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND,  
22 MR. MCNEILL MET AND MARRIED ROSA COLEMAN IN 1956. LATER THAT  
23 YEAR, HE ENLISTED INTO MILITARY SERVICES AND WAS ASSIGNED TO  
24 VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL IN TEXAS. MR. MCNEILL WAS RELEASED  
25 FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN '58 AND LATER HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM

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1 MILITARY SERVICE IN '62. HE RELOCATED TO BOSTON IN '58 TO  
2 ATTEND BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND EVENTUALLY RECEIVED HIS  
3 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HEALTH EDUCATION WHILE CONTINUING TO WORK  
4 AS A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE. HE THEN CAME TO THE SAN  
5 FERNANDO VALLEY IN '62 AND ACCEPTED A POSITION AT SEPULVEDA  
6 VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL AS A HOSPITAL RECREATION  
7 COORDINATOR. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
8 FROM U.C.L.A., WHILE COMPLETING HIS RESIDENCY AT L.A. COUNTY  
9 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION. IN '69 HE  
10 TRANSITIONED TO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION AT  
11 MORNINGSIDE HOSPITAL AND RETIRED FROM THE HEALTHCARE FIELD IN  
12 '95. EVEN DURING HIS RETIREMENT, MR. MCNEILL SERVED ON VARIOUS  
13 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES ADVOCATING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,  
14 COUNTY BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADDRESSING  
15 THE CHALLENGING ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA. HE'LL BE  
16 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LIFELONG LEGACY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH  
17 ADVOCACY, HIS LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS, AND HIS PASSION FOR  
18 TRAVEL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, DAVID AND HAYWOOD,  
19 THREE GRANDCHILDREN, ALONDREA, COLE, AND JORDAN EXTENDED  
20 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES. I WANT TO AGAIN EXTEND MY  
21 PERSONAL CONDOLENCES TO HIS SON DAVID, WHO I'VE KNOWN FOR  
22 YEARS AND GRANDSON COLE. AGAIN HAYWOOD MCNEILL. AND THIRD, IF  
23 I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN  
24 OTTERBRIDGE. MR. OTTERBRIDGE WAS BORN ON MARCH 12TH, 1933 IN  
25 GREENSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AND PASSED DECEMBER 23RD AT THE

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1 AGE OF 87. HE WAS BORN INTO AN ECLECTIC AND ARTISTIC FAMILY  
2 AND WAS INTRODUCED TO ASSEMBLAGE AT YOUNG AGE BY HIS FATHER AN  
3 AVID SALVAGER. AFTER ATTENDING AN AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL  
4 COLLEGE IN GREENSBORO, HE -- WHERE HE STUDIED ENGINEERING, MR.  
5 OUTTERBRIDGE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND SERVED OVERSEAS IN  
6 GERMANY DURING THE KOREAN WAR WHERE HE ADOPTED A ROLE AS A  
7 MILITARY ARTIST AND PAINTED SEVERAL AMERICAN MURALS IN GERMAN  
8 HIGH SCHOOLS AND OFFICERS' CLUBS. AFTER HIS DISCHARGE, HE  
9 ENROLLED IN THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS IN CHICAGO WHILE  
10 WORKING AS A BUS OPERATOR. HE CAME TO LOS ANGELES IN 1963 AND  
11 FOCUSED HIS CAREER ON ARTS ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, AND  
12 ACTIVISM. HE BECAME A FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNICATIVE  
13 ARTS ACADEMY IN COMPTON AND SERVED IN THAT POSITION UNTIL  
14 1975, WHEN HE TRANSITIONED TO ASSUME THE DIRECTOR'S POSITION  
15 AT THE WATTS TOWER ARTS CENTER, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HIS  
16 RETIREMENT IN 1992 TO FOCUS ON HIS OWN ART. HE'LL BE  
17 REMEMBERED AS A CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE BLACK ASSEMBLAGE ARTS  
18 MOVEMENT AND A TALENTED ARTIST. MR. OUTTERBRIDGE IS SURVIVED  
19 BY HIS EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, NOT TO  
20 MENTION THE ART THAT WE WILL ALL BE ABLE TO ADMIRE AND THINK  
21 OF HIM AS WE SEE IT THROUGHOUT THE COMPTON AND WATTS  
22 COMMUNITY. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVING ON NOW TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APOLOGIZE. THERE WERE A  
2    GREAT MANY DEATHS IN THE THIRD OVER THE HOLIDAYS, AND I HAVE A  
3    NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. I'LL MAKE THEM BRIEF, HOWEVER. I MOVE  
4    THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUE  
5    BARTLETT WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 1ST, VERY INVOLVED IN OUR SUN  
6    VALLEY COMMUNITY, INCLUDING 30 YEARS WITH THE SUN VALLEY  
7    GRAFFITI BUSTERS. SHE WAS ON THE SUN VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD  
8    COUNCIL AND THE SUN VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A GREAT  
9    SUPPORTER OF OUR L.A.P.D. FOOTHILL STATION AND WILL BE MISSED  
10   BY HER ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD. SUE BARTLETT. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN  
11   WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE BRESLAW,  
12   WHO WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ENAMELIST AND BEAD DESIGNER, WHOSE  
13   WORK WAS EXHIBITED IN ART SHOWS AND SOLD IN GALLERIES ALL  
14   ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF A  
15   VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AN AWARD  
16   FROM PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER ROLE AS  
17   HISTORIAN AND DELEGATE, AND ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF  
18   DIRECTORS OF THE LEO BAECK TEMPLE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
19   CHILDREN, SUSAN, CHARLES, AND KAREN, AND HER TWO STEPCHILDREN  
20   AMY-LOUISE AND IRIS, AS WELL AS HER COMPANION OF MORE THAN 25  
21   YEARS, SHELDON JAMAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
22   WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PETE CASSIDY, FORMER COACH, WHO DIED  
23   ON DECEMBER 18TH. FOR 25 YEARS, HE WAS THE MEN'S BASKETBALL  
24   COACH AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE AND WAS CONSIDERED A SAN  
25   FERNANDO COACHING ICON. HE BEGAN COACHING AT SHERMAN OAKS

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1 NOTRE DAME BEFORE RETURNING TO NORTHRIDGE AS AN ASSISTANT  
2 COACH TO JERRY BALL. HE BECAME HEAD COACH IN '71 AND HELPED  
3 BUILD THE MATADORS INTO A COMPETITIVE N.C.A.A. DIVISION II  
4 TEAM. CASSIDY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE  
5 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME IN 2004. IN RECENT YEARS, HE SPONSORED A  
6 SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN TO A SENIOR SCHOLAR ATHLETE IN ASSOCIATION  
7 WITH THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL  
8 FOUNDATION AND THE COLLEGE HALL OF FAME. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
9 WIFE, SANDY, HIS SONS, KEVIN AND MICHAEL, AND HIS DAUGHTER,  
10 ERIN. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
11 OF CRAIG CUNNINGHAM, A LIFELONG ANGELENO, WHO GOT HIS M.A.  
12 FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE IN 1960, HIS P.H.D.  
13 FROM U.C.L.A. IN '76. HIS DISSERTATION WAS A HISTORY OF  
14 VENICE, CALIFORNIA, STILL CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE  
15 AND READABLE. HE SPENT ALMOST ALL OF HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER  
16 AT U.C.L.A., WHERE I WAS PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH HIM,  
17 ALONGSIDE, HIM IN THE CAMPUS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OFFICE  
18 DURING THE LATE '60S AND EARLY '70S AND THEN AGAIN AFTER I  
19 CAME BACK FROM LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS  
20 AND A TRUSTED ADVISOR AND MENTOR TO THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS  
21 AND THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DEIDRE,  
22 AND HIS BROTHER, PAUL. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
23 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JED DANNENBAUM. HE WAS PROFESSOR  
24 EMERITUS OF THE PRACTICE OF CINEMATIC ARTS AT U.S.C. AND  
25 COAUTHOR OF THE BOOK "CREATIVE FILMMAKING FROM THE INSIDE

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1 OUT," HAD DOZENS OF NONFICTION WRITING, PRODUCING, AND  
2 DIRECTING CREDITS FOR H.B.O., SHOWTIME, AND P.B.S., AS WELL AS  
3 PROJECTS FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND IN THE FIELDS  
4 OF MEDICAL AND LEGAL EDUCATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOE  
5 MAYER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY SHARON GALLAGHER, WHO BEGAN HER FIRST CAREER AS A  
7 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER IN 1971 AND ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH  
8 THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AT THE BRENTWOOD VETERANS  
9 HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE REMAINED EMPLOYED FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS  
10 AND BEGAN TREATING PRIVATE PATIENTS PART-TIME IN 1974. SHE  
11 WENT TO LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL AT NIGHT IN 1979 AND WAS ON THE  
12 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S DEAN'S LIST CONSISTENTLY, A MEMBER OF THE  
13 ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SOCIETY, AND RECEIVED AMERICAN  
14 JURISPRUDENCE AWARDS IN EVIDENCE AND IN FAMILY LAW. SHE WAS  
15 ADMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR IN 1983 AND BEGAN HER  
16 VERY SUCCESSFUL SECOND CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY. SHE PRACTICED  
17 CRIMINAL DEFENSE FOR OUR L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE  
18 FROM 1984 TO '88, WHERE SHE ROSE TO THE RANK OF ATTORNEY II --  
19 III, I'M SORRY. SHE PRACTICED FOR A CIVIL LAW FIRM FOR A SHORT  
20 TIME AND THEN BEGAN HER OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE, WHICH SHE  
21 EVENTUALLY DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO REPRESENTING CHILDREN AND  
22 PARENTS IN DEPENDENCY COURT PROCEEDINGS. SHE ULTIMATELY  
23 BROUGHT HER MANY UNIQUE ABILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO THE  
24 L.A. COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE IN 1999, WHERE SHE ROSE TO THE  
25 RANK OF SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL BEFORE RETIRING IN 2010.



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1 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, GARY BOCK. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN  
2 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAUL HELLER,  
3 INDEPENDENT FILM PRODUCER, WHOSE DEBUT AS A PRODUCER WAS WITH  
4 THE MOVIE "DAVID AND LISA," WHICH RECEIVED TWO OSCAR  
5 NOMINATIONS AND MANY AWARDS. HE PRODUCED MORE THAN 30  
6 FEATURES, INCLUDING "ENTER THE DRAGON," THE MARTIAL ARTS FILM  
7 STARRING BRUCE LEE, AND "SECRET CEREMONY," STARRING MIA FARROW  
8 AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR. HE ALSO CREATED AUDIOVISUAL AND  
9 MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITS FOR THE SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER IN LOS  
10 ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KATHY, THEIR SON, CHARLES,  
11 AND A SON FROM A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, MICHAEL. AND I MOVE THAT  
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH KANTER,  
13 A BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS  
14 IN THE 102ND INFANTRY AND ONE OF THE MEN WHO LANDED ON OMAHA  
15 BEACH. HE FOUGHT THROUGH FRANCE, HOLLAND, AND GERMANY, AND  
16 AFTER HIS RETURN, FORMED A COMPANY TO BUILD VETERANS HOUSING  
17 AND BECAME ONE OF THE LARGEST APARTMENT BUILDERS AND "NEW  
18 TOWN" DEVELOPERS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE LATER ENTERED THE  
19 BANKING BUSINESS AS THE OWNER OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA  
20 AND RAN GUARANTEE SAVINGS AND LOAN FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
21 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. HE ALSO STARTED A MOVIE PRODUCTION  
22 COMPANY. AMONG OTHER FILMS, HE PRODUCED ACADEMY AWARD  
23 NOMINATED "IRONWEED," STARRING JACK NICHOLSON AND MERYL  
24 STREEP. IN 2020, HIS FAMILY ARRANGED FOR 20,000 ACRES OF HIS  
25 HOLDINGS IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES TO BE SOLD TO THE STATE OF

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1 FLORIDA TO ENSURE PRESERVATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. AS A  
2 PHILANTHROPIST, HE WAS A LONGTIME ADVOCATE OF EFFORTS TO  
3 IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND IN 1964 ESTABLISHED THE JOSEPH H.  
4 KANTER FAMILY FOUNDATION, WHICH HAS SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL  
5 INSTITUTIONS, PHYSICAL FITNESS INITIATIVES, HEALTH OUTCOMES  
6 RESEARCH, AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
7 WIFE OF MORE THAN 67 YEARS, NANCY, HIS CHILDREN, HARRY,  
8 HILLARY, MARY, AND JOHN, AND HIS SISTER, SHIRLEY. AND I MOVE  
9 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LESTER  
10 KORN, THE HONORABLE LESTER KORN, WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 3RD. HE  
11 BEGAN HIS BUSINESS CAREER IN 1961 AS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT  
12 FOR K.P.M.G., WHICH WAS THEN PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL, AND  
13 COMPANY. HE WAS A PARTNER FROM '66 TO '69, WHEN HE AND HIS  
14 DEAR FRIEND RICHARD FERRY MOVED ON TO START KORN/FERRY  
15 INTERNATIONAL, WHICH EVENTUALLY BECAME THE NUMBER ONE  
16 EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT FIRM IN THE WORLD. FROM 1987 THROUGH  
17 1988, AMBASSADOR KORN WAS ASKED BY THEN-PRESIDENT RONALD  
18 REAGAN TO SERVE AS THE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE  
19 UNITED STATES' REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
20 COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. DURING HIS LIFETIME AND THROUGH  
21 TO THE PRESENT, HE PROUDLY SERVED ON MANY BOARDS OF DIRECTORS,  
22 INCLUDING THE U.C.L.A. ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, THE  
23 MUSIC CENTER, THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS. AMBASSADOR  
24 KORN WAS THE RECIPIENT OF U.C.L.A.'S ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL  
25 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN 1984 AND, IN MAY 1990,

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1 RECEIVED THE U.C.L.A. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTERS' NEIL  
2 JACOBY INTERNATIONAL AWARD. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER,  
3 JODI. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
4 MEMORY OF DR. MICHAEL MILLER, WHO FOUNDED THE MILLER ANIMAL  
5 HOSPITAL IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND WAS DEVOTED TO HIS VETERINARY  
6 PRACTICE. HE VOLUNTEERED MANY, MANY HOURS IN DOWNTOWN L.A.  
7 SPAYING, NEUTERING, AND VACCINATING ANIMALS WHOSE OWNERS COULD  
8 NOT AFFORD THOSE SERVICES, REALLY FINE AND WONDERFUL MAN. HE'S  
9 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, JULIE, CAROL, AND DAVID. AND I MOVE  
10 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAE RUTH  
11 MOSS, AN OUTGOING, KIND, GREGARIOUS PERSON WITH A GREAT SENSE  
12 OF HUMOR AND A PASSION FOR SOCIAL ISSUES. SHE ASSUMED  
13 LEADERSHIP ROLES AS THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF ANTI-  
14 DEFAMATION LEAGUE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
15 OF THE VENICE FAMILY CLINIC AND THE DANCE GALLERY, PRESIDENT  
16 OF THE U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY, AND A VOLUNTEER  
17 COORDINATOR AT THE U.C.L.A. NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE. WITH  
18 HER HUSBAND GEORGE, SHE ESTABLISHED THE ANTI-DEFAMATION  
19 LEAGUE'S DANIEL PEARL AWARD AND SUPPORTED MEDICAL RESEARCH  
20 PROJECTS, INCLUDING THOSE AT THE U.C.L.A. JULES STEIN EYE  
21 INSTITUTE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, GEORGE, HER SONS,  
22 STEVEN AND RICHARD, AND HER DAUGHTER, KAREN. AND I MOVE THAT  
23 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK SORACCO.  
24 IN THE SUMMER 1964, HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE STUDENT  
25 NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH WE KNOW AS S.N.C.C.,

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1 AND BEGAN REGISTERING VOTERS IN ALABAMA, A VERY BRAVE THING TO  
2 DO AT THE TIME. LATER IN HIS LIFE, HE AND HIS BROTHER OPENED  
3 THE FIASCO RESTAURANT IN MARINA DEL REY, WHERE HE MET MANY  
4 LIFELONG FRIENDS, INCLUDING HIS WIFE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY  
5 HIS WIFE, SANDY TOSHIYUKI. TWO MORE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I  
6 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAWN  
7 WELLS, ONE OF MY FAVORITE ACTRESSES, A RENO NATIVE, WHO GAINED  
8 NOTORIETY PLAYING MARY ANN ON THE T.V. SERIES "GILLIGAN'S  
9 ISLAND," WHERE SHE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH ONE  
10 OF MY FORMER COLLEAGUES, BOB DENVER. DURING THAT C.B.S.  
11 SITCOM'S RUN BETWEEN '64 AND '67, SHE ALSO APPEARED IN "77  
12 SUNSET STRIP," "MAVERICK," "BONANZA," JOEY BISHOP'S SHOW,  
13 "HAWAIIAN EYE." THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE APPEARED IN MORE  
14 THAN 150 T.V. SERIES, SEVEN MOVIES, AND MORE THAN 60  
15 THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS. FOR HER WORK ON BEHALF OF THE  
16 ELEPHANT SANCTUARY, THE NATION'S LARGEST NATURAL HABITAT  
17 REFUGE FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, SHE RECEIVED THE  
18 ELEPHANT SANCTUARY TRUMPETING AWARD. SHE WILL BE MISSED, AND  
19 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER STEPSISTER, WESLEE WELLS. AND FINALLY --

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN SOME OF US JOIN THAT? I KNOW I DO. I  
22 WAS A BIG FAN.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT. ABSOLUTELY, LOVE TO HAVE YOU.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANYONE ELSE?

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3    **SUP. HAHN:** I WAS A BIG FAN, TOO, THREE-HOUR CRUISE.

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5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL BOARD MEMBERS, THEN.

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7    **SUP. KUEHL:** IF YOU LIKE. I THINK IT WAS REALLY FUN, YOU KNOW,  
8 IT'S -- SHE WAS ICONIC, AND IT'S A VERY INTERESTING THING TO  
9 THINK ABOUT PEOPLE AGING. I KIND OF FEEL THE SAME WAY. MY LAST  
10 ADJOURNMENT IS A VERY SAD ONE PERSONALLY FOR ME, A FRIEND,  
11 STEVE AFRIAT. AND I KNOW THAT KATHRYN WANTS TO TALK ABOUT HIM,  
12 AS WELL.

13

14    **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I WOULD LIKE TO, TOO.

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16    **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. WELL, I'LL GO FIRST. I MEAN THERE'S A LOT TO  
17 SAY ABOUT STEVE. HE WAS THE FIRST OPENLY GAY CHIEF OF STAFF AT  
18 L.A. CITY HALL. I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS, BUT HE WAS  
19 ZEV'S CHIEF OF STAFF WHEN ZEV WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE  
20 EARLY 1980S. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING EARLY FUNDS FOR  
21 A.I.D.S. SERVICES WHEN IT WAS REALLY HARD AND NOBODY ELSE  
22 REALLY KIND OF WANTED TO GO TO BAT DURING THAT PANDEMIC. FOR  
23 YEARS, HE SERVED AS A POLITICAL GURU AND REALLY TRUSTED FRIEND  
24 FOR NUMEROUS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES AND ACTIVISTS.  
25 HE, OF COURSE, WAS OUR CHAIR OF OUR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

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1 ONE OF OUR APPOINTEES IN THE THIRD, ALWAYS THERE WHEN YOU  
2 NEEDED HIM TO PULL A RABBIT OUT OF A HAT, TO WORK FOR THE GAY  
3 AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY, AND A GENTLEMAN. KIND OF A THROWBACK,  
4 AN OLD FASHIONED COURTLY MAN, ALWAYS KIND, ALWAYS CARING,  
5 ALWAYS CONSIDERATE, VERY, VERY SMART, AND JUST ONE OF THOSE  
6 PEOPLE THAT YOU THINK WHAT A GIFT TO HUMANITY. I LOVED STEVE  
7 AFRIAT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS HUSBAND, CURTIS SANCHEZ. THEY'VE  
8 BEEN TOGETHER FOR OVER 30 YEARS. AND NOW, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO  
9 YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THEN ANYBODY WHO ELSE WANTS TO  
10 TALK ABOUT STEVE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOU KNOW, STEVE IS  
13 SOMEONE WHO, THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, I CONSIDER A FRIEND AND  
14 SOMEONE WHO TAUGHT ME SO MUCH WHEN HE WAS ON THE BUSINESS  
15 LICENSE COMMISSION. HE BECAME A VOICE OF REASON AND WOULD  
16 ADVISE ME REGARDING SOME OF THE THINGS TAKING PLACE AND REALLY  
17 HELPED ME NAVIGATE HOW ISSUES IMPACTED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.  
18 HE, I MEAN KIND IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. AND TO SAY THAT I'M IN  
19 SHOCK OVER THIS LOSS WOULD BE PUTTING IT MILDLY. HE IS GOING  
20 TO BE MISSED, NOT ONLY BY THOSE THAT HE SERVED WITH ON THE  
21 DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS, BUT BY THE COUNTLESS LIVES THAT HE  
22 TOUCHED THROUGH HIS WORK BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY. AND I'M  
23 JUST HEARTBROKEN OVER THIS, AND HIS FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I AM SADDENED. I REMEMBER  
2    STEVE AS JUST ONE OF THOSE DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE THAT I'D RUN INTO  
3    ALMOST EVERY OTHER DAY THAT HE WAS HERE IN THE BUILDING AT  
4    H.O.A. DOWN AT THE BASEMENT. AND HE NEVER, I MEAN NEVER, LOST  
5    AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, "GOOD MORNING, HILDA, WHAT'S GOING ON,  
6    HOW ARE YOU," AND JUST ONE OF THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT COMES  
7    INTO YOUR LIFE. AND I KNOW HE WAS A SUPPORTER OF MINE, AS  
8    WELL. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND WOULD LOVE TO JOIN YOU ON  
9    THAT.

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11   **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, DID I HEAR YOU, TOO?

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13   **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I DO. YEAH, THANKS, JUST BRIEFLY. YEAH, WE  
14   HAVE GIVEN SUCH WONDERFUL TRIBUTES TO STEVE, AND EVERYBODY  
15   WHO'S SAID SOMETHING HAS REALLY PAINTED THIS PICTURE OF JUST  
16   THIS WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING, A GENTLE SOUL, AND KIND, AND NO  
17   MATTER WHAT SIDE OF THE ISSUE HE WAS ON, HE WAS LEGENDARY FOR  
18   BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, NEVER SAYING AN UNKIND WORD EVEN IF  
19   HE WAS ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE ISSUE WITH PEOPLE. THAT'S  
20   WHAT MADE HIM SO INFLUENTIAL AND SO GOOD AT PERSUADING PEOPLE  
21   TO COME OVER TO HIS SIDE OF THE ISSUE. HE WAS ALWAYS SO KIND  
22   TO ME. HE ALWAYS TOOK MY CALL. I ALWAYS TOOK HIS CALL. AND I  
23   HAVE KNOWN HIM AS LONG AS I HAVE ALSO BEEN IN POLITICS, SINCE  
24   THE EARLY '90S. SO, YOU KNOW, REST IN PEACE, DEAR STEVE.  
25   YOU'VE REALLY MADE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE.



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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** I ALSO WANT TO SAY HE WAS VERY BRAVE IN BEING OUT  
3 IN THE EARLY '80S. I MEAN EVERYBODY THINKS OH NO, EVERYTHING  
4 HAPPENED BY THEN, BUT THEY FORGET THAT I WAS THE FIRST GAY  
5 PERSON ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATURE, AND THAT WAS IN '94. SO THE  
6 WORLD WAS A LITTLE SLOW, YOU KNOW, IN ITS APPROVAL, AND STEVE  
7 WAS BRAVE AND CLEAR, REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE COMMUNITY WAS  
8 GOING THROUGH IN TERMS OF THE A.I.D.S. PANDEMIC AND JUST WAS  
9 INFLUENTIAL IN HIS WAY OF REPRESENTING, REALLY, IN CITY HALL.  
10 SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORDS FOR STEVE, AND, MADAM CHAIR,  
11 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN  
16 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOAN MILKE  
17 FLORES. MANY OF YOU REMEMBER COUNCILWOMAN MILKE FLORES. SHE  
18 WAS ONE OF THE HARBOR AREA'S MOST ENDURING PUBLIC FIGURES AND  
19 THE FIRST THE WOMAN TO REPRESENT THE 15TH DISTRICT ON THE L.A.  
20 CITY COUNCIL. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY, AND SHE WAS 83. SHE  
21 GRADUATED FROM FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1954 AND, SHORTLY  
22 AFTER, GOT A JOB IN THE STENOGRAPHER POOL AT CITY HALL. SOME  
23 OF YOU YOUNG'UNS WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A STENOGRAPHER IS. SOON  
24 AFTER, SHE MOVED TO COUNCILMAN JOHN GIBSON'S OFFICE AND  
25 EVENTUALLY BECAME HIS CHIEF DEPUTY. AND IT WAS DURING

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1 COUNCILMAN GIBSON'S LAST TERM THAT HE ENCOURAGED HER TO RUN  
2 FOR HIS SEAT. SHE HAD STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE HARBOR AREA AND  
3 CREDITS THE ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER GIBSON AND MY DAD,  
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT SHE WON HER RACE. SHE ACCOMPLISHED SO  
5 MANY THINGS OVER HER THREE TERMS IN OFFICE. SHE SPONSORED THE  
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
7 AND FOCUSED ON STRICTER PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT OF  
8 HAZARDOUS WASTE AND AUTHORED AN ORDINANCE TO CURB SMOKING IN  
9 PUBLIC PLACES. HER FINGERPRINTS REMAIN ON SO MUCH OF SAN  
10 PEDRO, FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CABRILLO MARINA COMPLEX, TO  
11 THE WORLDPORT WALKWAY, THE SHERATON LOS ANGELES HARBOR HOTEL,  
12 AND SHE EVEN HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR THE AREA JUST BELOW THE  
13 KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL AT ANGELS GATE PARK TO BECOME A CITY  
14 PARK, WHICH YEARS LATER WAS DEDICATED IN HER HONOR. AFTER SHE  
15 LEFT OFFICE, SHE RAN A CONSULTING FIRM, AND SHE ALSO TOOK UP  
16 GOLF, THE PIANO, AND SHE LOVED HER FAMILY, AND SHE LOVED  
17 WATCHING THE DODGERS. COUNCILWOMAN MILKE FLORES IS SURVIVED BY  
18 HER LONGTIME PARTNER AND FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, BERNIE EVANS,  
19 HER SISTER, RUTH, HER DAUGHTER, VALERIE, WHO WAS A LOS ANGELES  
20 CITY ATTORNEY, HER GRANDSON, TREVOR, AND MANY NIECES AND  
21 NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
22 THE MEMORY OF JOHN ZIVKOVIC, WHO WAS 91 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.  
23 HE WAS BORN IN DRNIS, CROATIA, AND HE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED  
24 STATES IN SEARCH OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. HE MADE HIS HOME IN  
25 SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE WORKED AS A GENERAL FOREMAN PAINTING THE

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1 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE. JOHN WAS A FOUNDING  
2 FATHER OF THE CROATIAN-AMERICAN CLUB IN SAN PEDRO, SERVING AS  
3 PRESIDENT FROM 1958 UNTIL 1969 AND IN OTHER BOARD POSITIONS  
4 OVER MANY YEARS. HE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN VOLUNTEERISM AND  
5 HELPING OTHERS, PARTICULARLY WHEN HE ASSISTED IN HUMANITARIAN  
6 EFFORTS DURING THE CROATIAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE IN THE EARLY  
7 1990S, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED A COMMENDATION FROM THE FORMER  
8 CROATIAN PRESIDENT, FRANJO TUDMAN. HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF  
9 MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE ENJOYED WINEMAKING  
10 AND COOKING, BUT, MOST OF ALL, HE TREASURED TIME WITH HIS  
11 FAMILY AND HIS CLOSE FRIENDS. JOHN ZIVKOVIC IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
12 DAUGHTERS, ELIZABETH, KAREN, DRINA, KRISTINA, AND MY FIELD  
13 DEPUTY, JENNIFER LAMARQUE, GRANDCHILDREN, JOHN, MADELEINE,  
14 SOPHIA, IVAN, AND DYLAN, THREE BROTHERS, AND NUMEROUS NIECES  
15 AND NEPHEWS IN CROATIA. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND I'D ALSO  
16 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY. WE ADJOURN IN THE  
17 MEMORY OF THEODORE GEORGE LUMPKIN, JR. AND AFTER I SPEAK, I  
18 KNOW, HOLLY, YOU'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT TED. HE  
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100 DUE TO COVID-19 COMPLICATIONS.  
20 HE WAS A 21-YEAR-OLD JUNIOR MAJORING IN MATH AT U.C.L.A. WHEN  
21 HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE MILITARY. HE WAS CALLED UP JUST SIX  
22 MONTHS AFTER THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR. TED WAS SENT TO  
23 TUSKEGEE ARMY AIRFIELD IN ALABAMA FOR SPECIAL U.S. ARMY AIR  
24 CORPS TRAINING. HE GRADUATED THREE MONTHS LATER AS A SECOND  
25 LIEUTENANT WITH THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS AND WAS ASSIGNED TO

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1 THE 100 FIGHTER SQUADRON IN TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA. THE TUSKEGEE  
2 AIRMEN, AS THEY WERE KNOWN, BECAME SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST  
3 RECOGNIZED AND DECORATED PILOTS SERVING DURING WORLD WAR II.  
4 TED SERVED AS AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER DURING HIS OVERSEAS  
5 COMBAT TOUR TO ITALY IN THE WESTERN EUROPE THEATER FROM 1944  
6 TO 1945. AND DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 332ND  
7 FIGHTER GROUP. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN JANUARY 1946 AS  
8 A CAPTAIN. HE USED HIS G.I. BILL TO EARN HIS UNDERGRADUATE  
9 DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY AT U.S.C. HE WAS HIRED ON BY THE COUNTY OF  
10 LOS ANGELES AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN 1947 AND FURTHERED HIS  
11 EDUCATION BY EARNING HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM  
12 U.S.C. IN 1953. HE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY'S BUREAU OF ADOPTIONS  
13 AND SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING URBAN AFFAIRS,  
14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND MODEL CITIES. HE CONTINUED HIS  
15 MILITARY SERVICE IN THE INACTIVE AIR FORCE RESERVES. HE  
16 RETIRED AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR  
17 FORCE IN 1979 AND WENT ON TO LAUNCH A SECOND CAREER IN REAL  
18 ESTATE, WHERE HE CONTINUED TO WORK EVEN AT 100 YEARS OLD. TED  
19 DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ENSURING THE LEGACY OF THE TUSKEGEE  
20 AIRMEN. HE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN  
21 INCORPORATED, THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, AND  
22 ALSO SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF  
23 THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INCORPORATED. TED LUMPKIN IS SURVIVED BY  
24 HIS WIFE, GEORGIA, FOUR CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE  
25 GREAT GRANDCHILD. HOLLY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

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2     **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YES, I'D  
3     JUST LIKE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, I FIRST MET MR. LUMPKIN BECAUSE HE  
4     WAS ACTIVE IN THE BLACK REALTORS' ASSOCIATION, WHICH, UPON NOW  
5     READING HIS BIO, I REALIZE WAS HIS THIRD OR FOURTH  
6     PROFESSION. HOW BLESSED HE TRULY WAS. THEN BEGAN TO SEE HIM  
7     REGULARLY AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK  
8     CAUCUS, WHERE WE HONORED THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, RECOGNIZING  
9     THAT, GIVEN THE TIME IN WHICH THEY SERVED OUR COUNTRY, THERE  
10    ARE FEWER AND FEWER OF THEM STILL LIVING. AND SO, I HAD THE  
11    OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM THEN, AND IT WAS THROUGH THOSE  
12    CONVERSATIONS THAT I APPRECIATED THAT HE, QUITE FRANKLY, AND  
13    MY MOTHER CROSSED ROADS AS U.S.C. SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS. HE WAS  
14    IN GRADUATE SCHOOL WHEN SHE WAS AN UNDERGRAD. AND SO HE TRULY,  
15    TRULY WAS A LEGEND IN OUR COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO HIS  
16    COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE ALL OF US UNDERSTOOD THE  
17    EXPERIENCE AND HISTORY OF SERVING IN THE SEGREGATED ARMED  
18    SERVICES, AND I HONOR HIM. IT'S NOT LOST ON ME THAT THE  
19    AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN THAT I, IN ADDITION TO MR. LUMPKIN,  
20    ADJOURN IN MEMORY WITH TODAY, ALL SERVED IN THE ARMED  
21    SERVICES, MANY IN THE SAME WAR, THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND IN  
22    KOREA. THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION THAT WE'RE  
23    BEGINNING TO LOSE. SO, I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
24    TO PAUSE, HEAR THEIR HISTORY, AND PAY THEM HONOR. THANK YOU,  
25    SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

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2   **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I'D LIKE TO MOVE  
3   THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OWEN  
4   GRIFFITH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE GRADUATED FROM  
5   CORNELL UNIVERSITY AS AN ACCOMPLISHED STUDENT ATHLETE, AND  
6   AFTER SERVING IN THE ARMY'S SIGNAL CORPS, HE MOVED WITH HIS  
7   WIFE, IRENE, TO CALIFORNIA AND SETTLED IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA  
8   TO START A CAREER IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. HIS MOTHER WAS A  
9   TEACHER, SO HE HAD AN INVESTMENT IN LEARNING, AND ON LONG  
10   TRIPS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, HE WAS KNOWN TO READ EVERY  
11   HISTORICAL MARKER THEY ENCOUNTERED. OWEN WAS A PROMINENT  
12   MEMBER OF THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. HE  
13   WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD IN 1967 AND SERVED AN  
14   INCREDIBLE 28 YEARS ON THE BOARD UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 1995. HE  
15   SERVED ON THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION FROM 1968  
16   THROUGH 1995 AS THE TORRANCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES  
17   COUNTY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION AND AS AN ADVISOR TO MANY SCHOOL  
18   DISTRICTS TO HELP IMPROVE SUPERINTENDENT-SCHOOL BOARD  
19   RELATIONS. IN 1995, THE GRIFFITH ADULT SCHOOL WAS NAMED AFTER  
20   HIM. IN 2012, OWEN RECEIVED THE JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE AWARD,  
21   THE CITY'S HIGHEST CIVIC HONOR, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
22   COMMUNITY, WHICH INCLUDED CO-FOUNDING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
23   REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF  
24   NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF  
25   COMMERCE, THE TORRANCE PERFORMING ARTS CONSORTIUM, THE

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1 TORRANCE SYMPHONY, AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION.  
2 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, IRENE, AND SEVEN CHILDREN. I ALSO  
3 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
4 RAMON BUSTAMANTE, WHO WAS ONLY 54 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, AND HE  
5 IS THE PERSON THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. HE WAS A 33  
6 YEAR GROCERY STORE WORKER AND A SINGLE FATHER OF FOUR, AND HE  
7 WAS A MAINSTAY AT THE VONS IN TORRANCE, WHERE HE WAS KNOWN FOR  
8 HAVING LONG LINES BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTED TO SAY HELLO TO HIM.  
9 AND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IN THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY FOR COVID-19  
10 DUE TO HIS DIABETES, HE CONTINUED TO WORK. AFTER THANKSGIVING,  
11 HE BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS OF THE THIS VIRUS AND SADLY  
12 DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS A FEW WEEKS LATER. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
13 HIS FOUR CHILDREN. HE IS WHO WE ARE WORKING TO PASS AN  
14 ORDINANCE TO PAY OTHER FRONTLINE GROCERY WORKERS HAZARD PAY.  
15 I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE  
16 MEMORY OF TOMMY "TINY" LISTER, WHO WAS 62, AND HE WAS A  
17 RESIDENT OF MARINA DEL REY WHEN HE PASSED. HE APPEARED IN THE  
18 MOVIES "FRIDAY," AND "THE FIFTH ELEMENT," AND WAS ALSO A  
19 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER. HE WRESTLED HULK HOGAN IN THE W.W.F.  
20 TOMMY GREW UP IN COMPTON AND WON THE NATIONAL SHOT-PUT TITLE  
21 IN COLLEGE AND BRIEFLY PLAYED FOOTBALL BEFORE BECOMING AN  
22 ACTOR. HE PLAYED THE NEIGHBORHOOD BULLY DEEBO IN THE 1995  
23 MOVIE "FRIDAY" AND APPEARED AGAIN IN THE SEQUEL, "NEXT  
24 FRIDAY." HIS OTHER APPEARANCES INCLUDED "THE DARK KNIGHT,"  
25 "JACKIE BROWN," AS WELL AS ROLES IN "THE PLAYERS CLUB," AND



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1 "POSSE." HE HAD SUPPORTING ROLES IN "ZOOTOPIA," "LITTLE  
2 NICKY," AND "AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER." AND THE PILOT OF  
3 "STAR TREK: ENTERPRISE," TOMMY PLAYED KLAANG, THE FIRST  
4 KLINGON TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HUMANS. ON TELEVISION, HE  
5 APPEARED AS MR. MATLOCK'S BODYGUARD IN "MATLOCK" AND ON "IN  
6 THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER. I ALSO  
7 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
8 IRWIN BROWN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE WAS A SAN  
9 PEDRAN, AND HE WAS A PROLIFIC ARTIST, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY  
10 HIS DAUGHTER, LAUREL. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
11 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANK POLITEO, WHO WAS ALSO A  
12 RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE WAS  
13 AWARD-WINNING ARCHITECT AND PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED SINGER. AS  
14 A TALENTED TENOR, HE COULD SING ANYTHING FROM OPERA TO HIS  
15 BELOVED CROATIAN SONGS. AND I WAS ABLE TO HEAR HIM SING MANY  
16 TIMES. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR SON,  
17 TOM, WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO, WHO WAS ALSO A GOOD  
18 FRIEND OF MINE, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, MELINDA. I  
19 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
20 OF LINDA PALACIOS ORTIZ, WHO WAS ALSO A SAN PEDRAN, AND SHE  
21 WAS 76 WHEN SHE PASSED. SHE WORKED FOR I.L.W.U. LOCAL 13 AS A  
22 LONGSHOREMAN AND ULTIMATELY BECAME A MARINE CLERK WITH LOCAL  
23 63. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, RAY, CHILDREN, YVETTE AND  
24 PETE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS  
25 HER BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, BILL AND RACHEL VIRAMONTES, AND

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1 HER NEPHEW, CHRIS VIRAMONTES, WHO'S A PAST PRESIDENT OF  
2 I.L.W.U. LOCAL 13. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
3 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GILBERT ESPINOSA, WHO WAS BORN AND  
4 RAISED IN SAN PEDRO AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. GILBERT  
5 WORKED FOR 31 YEARS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS A GARDENER  
6 CARETAKER AND PARK MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR. HE LOVED SAN PEDRO  
7 AND WAS PROUD TO MAINTAIN POINT FERMIN AND PECK PARK. AND  
8 DURING MY TIME ON THE CITY COUNCIL, I AND ALL OF MY OFFICE  
9 WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HIM. HE WAS A HELPER AND A PROBLEM  
10 SOLVER AND ALWAYS LENT A HELPING HAND TO A TOTAL STRANGER OR  
11 TO A FRIEND. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, NATHAN,  
12 ANDREA, AND ELIZABETH, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE  
13 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
14 CONNIE CALDERON, WHO WAS 81 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A  
15 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF WILMINGTON AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
16 WILMINGTON TEEN CENTER FOR 40 YEARS, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES,  
17 MENTORSHIP, AND FOOD FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. CONNIE'S FIRST  
18 CAREER CHOICE WAS TO BE A NUN, BUT SHE DIDN'T REALLY FIT IN AT  
19 THE CONVENT AND WAS NOT SURE WHAT GOD'S PLAN WAS FOR HER UNTIL  
20 SHE GOT A JOB AT A TEEN CENTER IN HER HOMETOWN OF WILMINGTON.  
21 SHE WAS ONE OF 14 CHILDREN AND KNEW THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT  
22 THE YOUTH FACED IN THE COMMUNITY AND REALIZED THAT MENTORING  
23 AND CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH SERVICES REALLY WAS HER TRUE  
24 CALLING. SHE WAS TRULY DEDICATED TO THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY  
25 AND WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE

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1 WILMINGTON FIESTA, AN ANNUAL EVENT WHICH WOULD RAISE MONEY FOR  
2 YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. CONNIE WILL BE  
3 REMEMBERED FOR ALWAYS PROVIDING A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE YOUTH AND  
4 TEACHING THEM TO HAVE PRIDE IN WHAT THEY HAVE AND WHO THEY ARE  
5 AND WHERE THEY LIVE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, ESPERANZA,  
6 AND WILL BE FOREVER MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I ALSO MOVE  
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
8 CHARLES PRINZEN. CARLOS, AS HE WAS LOVINGLY KNOWN AS IN THE  
9 WILMINGTON COMMUNITY, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP AT  
10 THE AGE OF 86. HE LED A LIFE FILLED WITH TRAVEL, ADVENTURE,  
11 AND, MOST DEAR TO HIS HEART, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SERVICE TO  
12 OTHERS. HE ALWAYS SHARED THAT, THOUGH HE GREW UP IN A  
13 CHALLENGING HOUSEHOLD IN THE LATE '30S AND '40S, HE ALWAYS  
14 FOUND HOPE AND A POSITIVE LIGHT IN THE MOST PAINFUL MOMENTS OF  
15 EARLY LIFE. CARLOS JOINED THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 692 IN LONG  
16 BEACH AND AIDED IN NEGOTIATING UNION CONTRACTS WITH TRUCKING  
17 COMPANIES. HE WAS A PROUD UNION MAN AND SUPPORTED EFFORTS OF  
18 ORGANIZING DRIVES, PICKET LINES, AND MOBILIZING THE COMMUNITY  
19 TO LABOR JUSTICE ISSUES. HE WAS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY  
20 ADVOCATE, AN INCREDIBLE MENTOR TO BANNING HIGH SCHOOL  
21 STUDENTS, AND ALWAYS GAVE GOOD ADVICE. CARLOS WAS -- REALLY  
22 HAD THE MOST PRESENT. HE WAS A NATIVE AMERICAN, AND WHEN HE  
23 WALKED INTO THE ROOM, HE WAS A VERY TALL MAN, AND HE ALWAYS  
24 WORE HIS WHITE HAIR IN A PONYTAIL AND USUALLY DRESSED IN  
25 NATIVE AMERICAN GARB. AND HE ALWAYS WANTED TO -- HIS DREAM WAS

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1 TO CREATE THIS NATIVE AMERICAN CAMPGROUND AND TEACHING  
2 OPPORTUNITY IN THE HARBOR REGIONAL PARK. AND I KNOW I WORKED  
3 WITH HIM TO TRY AND MAKE THAT DREAM COME TRUE. I DON'T THINK  
4 IT EVER CAME TO FRUITION, BUT HE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPART  
5 THE GREAT PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
6 HE LEAVES BEHIND MANY FRIENDS, LOVED ONES, GRANDCHILDREN,  
7 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED, BUT HE WILL NEVER BE  
8 FORGOTTEN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN  
9 IN THE MEMORY OF LUIGI VERNOLA, WHO WAS THE FORMER MAYOR OF  
10 NORWALK, AND HE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY FROM COVID JUST THIS LAST  
11 WEEK. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES. HE LIVED IN NORWALK SINCE  
12 1944. HE ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND MET HIS WIFE, JOAN, WHILE  
13 ATTENDING NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL. AND BEFORE BECOMING PART OF THE  
14 CITY COUNCIL, LUIGI WAS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNER. HE  
15 STARTED HIS OWN BUSINESS AT THE AGE OF 20 AS AN AUTOMOTIVE  
16 SERVICE STATION OWNER. HE EXPANDED HIS BUSINESS TO INCLUDE A  
17 TOWING COMPANY, AN AUTOMOTIVE SHOP. HIS BUSINESS BACKGROUND  
18 ALLOWED HIM TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO STREAMLINE THE BUSINESS  
19 PROCESSES IN HIS CITY. HE WAS A PHILANTHROPIST WITHIN HIS  
20 HOMETOWN OF NORWALK, AND EVERY YEAR IN DECEMBER, DURING THE  
21 HOLIDAYS, HE WOULD PARADE IN A FLOAT DRESSED AS SANTA GIVING  
22 AWAY FREE TOYS TO ALL THE NEEDY CHILDREN. HE ALSO HELD FULL  
23 TURKEY DINNERS AND GIFT GIVEAWAYS TO OVER 3,000 RESIDENTS  
24 EVERY YEAR FOR THANKSGIVING. I WAS HONORED TO HAVE CALLED  
25 LUIGI MY FRIEND AND TO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM TOWARDS MAKING

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1 NORWALK A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE. A FEW MORE. I ALSO MOVE  
2 THAT WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SAUL SALVADOR DE  
3 LA ROSA, WHO WAS ONLY 24 WHEN HE PASSED. HE WAS BORN IN LONG  
4 BEACH, BUT HE WAS RAISED ON CATALINA BY A LARGE AND LOVING  
5 FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS SISTER WHO IS THE AVALON CITY  
6 COUNCILMEMBER, YESENIA DE LA ROSA. AND JUST FOUR MONTHS AGO,  
7 HE BEGAN TAKING CLASSES TO EARN HIS REAL ESTATE LICENSE, AND  
8 HE NEARLY COMPLETED HIS COURSES WHEN HE WAS OFFERED AND  
9 ACCEPTED HIS FIRST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POSITION LOCATED IN BIG  
10 BEAR LAKE. HE LOVED THE SNOW, SO HE WAS EXCITED TO MAKE BIG  
11 BEAR HIS NEW HOME AND EQUALLY AS EXCITED TO START HIS DREAM  
12 JOB. UNFORTUNATELY, ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 9TH, SAUL WAS  
13 ON HIS WAY TO HIS FIRST DAY OF WORK WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN A  
14 CAR ACCIDENT. SO TRAGIC. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER AND  
15 MOTHER, SALVADOR AND IRMA DE LA ROSA, HIS THREE SISTERS, ALMA,  
16 YESENIA, AND SOPHIA DE LA ROSA, FOUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS,  
17 MATTHEW, AUDRINA, ANTONIO, AND ALIAH DE LA ROSA. MAY HE REST  
18 IN PEACE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN  
19 IN THE MEMORY OF MARY THOITS, WHO WAS 97 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY.  
20 SHE CREATED THE POPULAR SENIOR STUDIES PROGRAM AT LONG BEACH  
21 CITY COLLEGE, WHICH ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS OVER FOUR  
22 DECADES. MARY FLEW HER FIRST PLANE AT THE AGE OF 16. SHE WENT  
23 SKYDIVING ON HER 85TH BIRTHDAY. SHE FLEW A CESSNA PLANE OVER  
24 CATALINA AT AGE 87, AND AT THE AGE OF 88, SHE CREWED ON A  
25 DRAGON BOAT. SOME CALLED HER THE PETER PAN OF LONG BEACH. SHE

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1 BELIEVED IN THE ABILITY TO DO MORE AND INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED  
2 OTHERS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY FOUR NEPHEWS AND A NIECE. AND MY  
3 LAST ONE, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
4 MEMORY OF JOEANN VALLE. AND I'M JUST GOING TO SAY -- I'M JUST  
5 GOING TO READ LIKE FOUR SENTENCES. THIS WOMAN DESERVES SO MUCH  
6 MORE, BUT OUR DAY IS LONG ALREADY, AND I HOPE AT ANOTHER TIME  
7 MAYBE TO GIVE HER MORE OF A TRIBUTE. SHE WAS A LIFELONG  
8 RESIDENT OF HARBOR CITY. SHE WAS 81. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY LAST  
9 NIGHT. SHE WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. GATEWAY CHAMBER  
10 OF COMMERCE AND THE MATRIARCH OF THE HARBOR CITY HARBOR  
11 GATEWAY COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR SO MUCH BUT  
12 MAINLY FOR HER WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND HER COMMITMENT TO  
13 PROVIDE A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE YOUTH AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF  
14 HARBOR CITY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND. SHE'S  
15 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, HER SON, HER TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND  
16 TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I GOT TO KNOW JOEANN SO WELL. WHEN I  
17 FIRST CAME TO SAN PEDRO MANY, MANY YEARS AGO AND RAN FOR CITY  
18 COUNCIL SHE WAS THE PERSON YOU HAD TO GET TO KNOW. AND SHE WAS  
19 ONE OF THOSE THAT DEFINITELY WILL BE MISSED, WILL NOT BE  
20 FORGOTTEN, AND I HOPE ONE DAY TO GIVE HER THE TRIBUTE THAT SHE  
21 DESERVES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
2    ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF ROCCO CODUTI, A LONGTIME  
3    LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89.  
4    A NATIVE OF ITALY, ROCCO IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA IN 1966. HE  
5    CAME TO LOS ANGELES AND WORKED AS AN EXPERT MARBLE FINISHER AND  
6    FOREMAN AT THE AMERICAN MARBLE AND ONYX COMPANY FOR NEARLY 40  
7    YEARS. AS A MASTER CRAFTSMAN, HE FABRICATED AND INSTALLED  
8    CUSTOM MARBLE AND STONE IN COUNTLESS HOMES, BUSINESSES, AND  
9    CHURCHES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE '60S, '70S, AND  
10   WELL INTO THE '80S. ROCCO WAS A HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEE, DEVOTED  
11   HUSBAND, AND DEDICATED FATHER, WHO ACHIEVED THE AMERICAN DREAM  
12   FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 55  
13   YEARS, CARMELA, HIS DAUGHTER, MARCELLA, MY FORMER CHIEF OF  
14   STAFF, TONY BELL, HIS SON-IN-LAW, TWO BROTHERS, CARMINE AND  
15   ANTONIO, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS IN-LAWS,  
16   NIECES, AND NEPHEWS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE  
17   "SUZY" CROWELL, FORMER MAYOR AND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN  
18   MARINO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE AGE OF 81.  
19   BORN IN LOS ANGELES, SUZY ATTENDED THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, THE  
20   ARTS CENTER SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF  
21   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1954, SHE MARRIED DONALD CROWELL, AND  
22   THEY ENJOYED 45 YEARS TOGETHER BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY IN 2004.  
23   SUZY CHERISHED THE SAN MARINO COMMUNITY. SHE PROUDLY SERVED AS  
24   VICE MAYOR OF SAN MARINO FROM 1988 TO 1990 AND THEN AS MAYOR  
25   FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM IN 1990. SHE WAS ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF



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1 HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL AND PRIMARY BENEFACTOR OF THE CROWELL  
2 PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SAN MARINO. SUZY'S FAITH PLAYED A PROMINENT  
3 ROLE IN HER LIFE. SHE TRAVELED TO ARGENTINA FOUR YEARS IN A  
4 ROW TO SERVE AND EVANGELIZE. SHE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2004 BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE IN  
6 PASADENA, AND WAS A RIBBON CUTTER AT THE BIOLA UNIVERSITY  
7 CROWELL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. SHE RECEIVED NUMEROUS ACCOLADES,  
8 INCLUDING CALIFORNIA'S SENATE WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN 1991. HER  
9 LOVE AND GENEROSITY IMPACTED SO MANY, AND HER POSITIVITY IN  
10 THE FACE OF ADVERSITY WAS A GUIDING LIGHT TO HER FAMILY AND TO  
11 HER FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, DONALD, JR. AND  
12 ANDREW, AS WELL AS FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN  
13 WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM LAWSON MARTIN II,  
14 KNOWN TO MANY AS GUS, WHO DIED PEACEFULLY IN HIS HOME ON  
15 DECEMBER 20TH AT THE AGE OF 91. BORN IN LOS ANGELES, GUS LIVED  
16 MOST OF HIS LIFE IN THE PASADENA AREA. IN HIS YOUTH, HE SERVED  
17 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AS A LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE AND WAS  
18 ASSIGNED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER ABOARD THE U.S.S. AVOCET. AFTER  
19 HIS TIME WITH THE NAVY, HE PURSUED A CAREER IN THE OIL  
20 BUSINESS. FOLLOWING HIS LAST CORPORATE POSITION AS VICE  
21 PRESIDENT OF THE DOUGLAS OIL COMPANY, HE FOUNDED TROPICANA  
22 PETROLEUM WITH A FEW PARTNERS IN THE EARLY 1970S. GUS HAD MANY  
23 INTERESTS OUTSIDE HIS CAREER. A LOVE OF GOOD WINE LED TO A  
24 LIFELONG ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN FOOD AND WINE SOCIETIES THAT  
25 OFTEN TRAVELED ABROAD. SIMILAR PASSIONS FOR TRACING HIS

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1 ANCESTRY AND FOR PREWAR JAGUAR S.S.100S, WHICH HE COLLECTED,  
2 INSPIRED MANY ADVENTURES HE LOVED TO SHARE WITH HIS DEVOTED  
3 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 32 YEARS,  
4 TERI MARTIN, THREE CHILDREN, LESLIE MARTIN THOMPSON, WILLIAM  
5 LAWSON MARTIN III, AND LAURA MARTIN BURKE STONE, AND 14  
6 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE  
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOANNE MONTGOMERY, FORMER CITRUS COLLEGE  
8 TRUSTEE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 14TH. RAISED IN TUSCON,  
9 ARIZONA, SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN 1955.  
10 SHE WAS CHOSEN WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
11 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA SORORITY, WHICH SHE  
12 REMAINED ACTIVE IN THROUGHOUT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UNTIL HER  
13 DEATH. JOANNE MARRIED DONALD AMES MONTGOMERY IN 1956. AFTER  
14 HIS CAREER AS A PILOT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, THEY  
15 MOVED BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE THEY  
16 RAISED TWO CHILDREN, AND SHE BEGAN A CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR.  
17 JOANNE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE MONROVIA UNIFIED  
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 32 YEARS AND WON MANY AWARDS. ALL THE  
19 WHILE, SHE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMUNITY FROM SERVING  
20 ON NUMEROUS BOARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE FOOTHILL  
21 UNITY CENTER TO ATTENDING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. JOANNE  
22 WAS APPOINTED TO THE CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD  
23 OF TRUSTEES IN 1998 AFTER THE PASSING OF HER HUSBAND AND  
24 FORMER TRUSTEE, DONALD, AND WAS LATER ELECTED AND THEN RE-  
25 ELECTED FOUR TIMES UNTIL HER RETIREMENT THIS PAST DECEMBER. IN

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1 LIFE, JOANNE LOVED ART, HISTORY, BRIDGE, AND TRAVEL, BUT,  
2 ABOVE ALL, SHE LOVED HER FAMILY. HER PASSION FOR EDUCATION,  
3 LEADERSHIP, AND KINDNESS WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. JOANNE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, CYNTHIA, HER SON, ANDY, AND HIS  
5 WIFE, CORRAN, HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN, KATIE, MARIE, AND  
6 TAYLOR, AND HER THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, GRACIE, OLIVER, AND  
7 MIA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ESTELA ROSALES, THE  
8 GRANDMOTHER OF MY STAFF MEMBER ROBERT ALVAREZ, RECENTLY PASSED  
9 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. A NATIVE OF HONDURAS, SHE MIGRATED TO  
10 THE UNITED STATES TO BE CLOSER TO HER FAMILY. SHE WAS  
11 PASSIONATE ABOUT HER FAMILY AND SUPPORTING THOSE WHO NEEDED  
12 HER HELP. SHE HAD LOVED TO TRAVEL AND HAD AN AFFINITY FOR  
13 PRESERVING PHOTOS OF THOSE THAT SHE LOVED. ESTELA IS SURVIVED  
14 BY HER THREE CHILDREN, ORLANDO, MIRIAM, AND MARTA, AND 12  
15 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 8 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
16 IN MEMORY OF JERRY L. SLOAN, FATHER OF SAN MARINO RESIDENT,  
17 TIM SLOAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON HIS BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT  
18 THE AGE OF 84. BORN IN CLEVELAND, JERRY ATTENDED OHIO  
19 UNIVERSITY WHERE HE MET AND MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE AND  
20 WIFE OF 62 YEARS, JEANNE. HE WENT ON TO ENJOY TWO SUCCESSFUL  
21 CAREERS, FIRST AS AN AWARD-WINNING PUBLIC RELATIONS EXECUTIVE  
22 AT FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AND THEN AS A PROFESSOR IN THE E.W.  
23 SCRIPPS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AT HIS ALMA MATER. HE WAS BELOVED  
24 BY HIS STUDENTS AND STAYED IN TOUCH WITH MANY OF THEM FOR THE  
25 REST OF HIS LIFE. JERRY WAS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN. HE AND

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1 JEANNE NEVER MISSED A SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC EVENT FOR THEIR  
2 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND MANAGED TO ATTEND MORE THAN 30  
3 SCHOOL GRADUATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. HIS QUICK WIT AND  
4 READY LAUGH WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE'S SURVIVED  
5 BY HIS WIFE, JEANNE, HIS SONS, TIM, JEFFREY, AND DAVID, HIS  
6 DAUGHTER, BETSY, HIS SISTER DIXIE, HIS 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 6  
7 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO BETTIE  
8 URBINA, LONGTIME LANCASTER RESIDENT, WHO AT THE AGE OF 68  
9 BEGAN WRITING A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER COLUMN FOR AND ABOUT THE  
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY SENIORS, AND SHE DIED ON DECEMBER 22ND AT THE  
11 AGE OF 95. BORN IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, SHE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT  
12 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR 72 YEARS. SHE BEGAN HER NEWSPAPER  
13 CAREER AS A REPORTER FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY LEDGER-GAZETTE IN  
14 THE LATE 1950S. SHE ALSO WROTE FOR THE PEPPER MILL, A POPULAR  
15 GOSSIP COLUMN. AFTER LEAVING THE LEDGER-GAZETTE, SHE WENT TO  
16 WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S LANCASTER  
17 OFFICE. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE  
18 EARLY 1990S, SHE BEGAN WRITING A COLUMN CALLED SENIOR SCENE.  
19 THE COLUMN STARTED IN 1993 IN THE DAILY NEWS OF LOS ANGELES  
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY EDITION THEN, IN 2007, MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE  
21 VALLEY PRESS. SHE CONTINUED WRITING HER COLUMN UNTIL SHE WAS  
22 NEARLY 94 YEARS OLD. BETTIE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
23 VICTOR, SONS, TERRY, DANIEL, AND ROBERT, AND A DAUGHTER,  
24 THERESA. AND LAST I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN  
25 IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE

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1 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND  
3 HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH.  
4 DOUGLAS BROWN, NAVY. RICHARD CAMPBELL, ARMY. RICHARD CANNON,  
5 MARINE CORPS. WILLIAM CROCKETT, AIR FORCE. JOHN FAIRBANKS,  
6 NAVY. DOUGLAS HANSEN, ARMY. ROBERTA HOLLAND, MARINE CORPS.  
7 RICHARD HORTEL, NAVY DONALD LAMBERT, MARINE CORPS. DANIEL  
8 MARTIN, MARINE CORPS. KENNETH MAYFIELD, AIR FORCE. PETER  
9 PARISI, ARMY. SONNY ROSAS, AIR FORCE. GARY SIMON, ARMY.  
10 WILLIAM VANCLEVE, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES  
11 IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THOSE ARE MY  
12 ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I HAVE A  
15 FEW, AS WELL, BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. SO I MOVE  
16 TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD  
17 EARL HUNNICUTT. BORN IN 1939 IN OREGON, MR. HUNNICUTT LIVED IN  
18 LOS ANGELES FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS AND RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON  
19 CHRISTMAS EVE. HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF VIVITAR CAMERA  
20 CORPORATION AND THEN A HOTEL GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE MANSION  
21 INN. HE WAS AN AVID PET LOVER AND WOULD OFTEN RESCUE CATS. HIS  
22 COMMUNITY WORK OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, EVEN DURING RETIREMENT,  
23 HAS LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A FIERCE  
24 ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OFTEN PROVIDING  
25 CLOTHES, FOOD, AND MONEY TO THOSE IN NEED. HE IS SURVIVED BY

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1 HIS HUSBAND OF 43 YEARS, A LONGTIME COLLEAGUE OF MINE, ALFRED  
2 HERRERA, AND HIS NEPHEW, JIM. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. MAY HE  
3 REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN  
4 IN MEMORY OF TAKAYO ROSE OCHI, A TRAILBLAZING CIVIL RIGHTS  
5 ACTIVIST AND ATTORNEY. MS. OCHI WAS BORN IN EAST LOS ANGELES  
6 IN 1939 AND PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH, JUST TWO DAYS SHY OF HER  
7 82ND BIRTHDAY. OCHI SPENT PART OF HER CHILDHOOD IN AN  
8 INTERNMENT CAMP, WHICH INFORMED HER LIFELONG DEDICATION TO  
9 CIVIL RIGHTS AND ACTIVISM. SHE WAS THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN  
10 WOMAN TO SERVE AS THE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
11 AS WELL AS THE FIRST A.P.I. WOMAN TO SERVE ON THE LOS ANGELES  
12 POLICE COMMISSION. SHE WAS A TOUGH LAWYER AND A PASSIONATE  
13 ADVOCATE FOR HER COMMUNITY. NOTABLY, OCHI WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN  
14 THE EFFORT TO GAIN REDRESS FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS WHO WERE  
15 INCARCERATED DURING WORLD WAR II. HER COMMUNITY SERVICE  
16 CONTINUED THROUGHOUT HER RETIREMENT RAISING FUNDS FOR THE  
17 MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. SHE WAS A BELOVED FIGURE IN  
18 THE COMMUNITY AND IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, THOMAS. MAY SHE  
19 REST IN PEACE.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN I BE ON THAT?

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** CAN I JOIN ON THAT ONE, HILDA?

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK EVERYBODY KNEW HER,    SO WE CAN GET  
2    EVERYONE ON THERE.

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4    **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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6    **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

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8    **SUP. SOLIS:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
9    MEMORY OF CHERYL YARCK. CHERYL YARCK WAS A LONGTIME MANAGER OF  
10   THE SAGE-HEN CAFE, A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE POMONA COLLEGE  
11   COMMUNITY. SHE PASSED AWAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2020,  
12   FOLLOWING A BRIEF ILLNESS. SHE WAS BORN IN WEST COVINA AND  
13   GRADUATED FROM FONTANA HIGH SCHOOL. A VETERAN OF THE FOOD AND  
14   RESTAURANT BUSINESS, CHERYL ALWAYS GREETED EVERYONE WITH A  
15   WARM SMILE AND CHEERFUL WELCOME. SHE LOVED THE WORK SHE DID  
16   WITH THE CAFE AND ENJOYED GETTING TO KNOW SO MANY MEMBERS OF  
17   THE POMONA COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING STAFF, FACULTY,  
18   STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, ANDREW, HER  
19   MOTHER, KATHRYN, HER BROTHER, SISTER, NIECES, AND HER PARTNER  
20   FOR MANY YEARS, DOUG. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
21   WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY TELLEZ.  
22   TIMOTHY TELLEZ PASSED AWAY THE AGE OF 47 DUE TO COMPLICATIONS  
23   OF COVID-19. HE WAS L.A. COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPUTY FOR OVER 20  
24   YEARS AND SERVED IN THE PARKS BUREAU AND WORKED TO ENSURE THE  
25   SAFETY OF THE PARKS IN MY DISTRICT AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR



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1 KUEHL'S. HE WAS A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND IS  
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VANESSA. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** -- JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE, IF I MAY.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, OKAY. SURE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
7 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARLOS HUSMAN. HE WAS  
8 BORN ON FEBRUARY 21ST, 1957 IN EL SALVADOR AND IMMIGRATED TO  
9 CALIFORNIA AS A TEENAGER. AS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MAYWOOD,  
10 CARLOS WAS USUALLY A QUIET MAN, KNOWN FOR USING HIS VOICE TO  
11 BE LOUD AND PROUD WHEN HE NEEDED TO, OFTEN TO ORGANIZE  
12 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD. MR. HUSMAN NEVER  
13 HESITATED TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO ANYONE IN NEED EVEN WHEN  
14 HE HAD LITTLE TO OFFER. HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING, ENJOYED TELLING  
15 JOKES, AND WELCOMING TO ALL. HE LOVED HIS WIFE AND ALWAYS  
16 ASKED TO MAKE SURE WE ALL TOOK CARE OF EACH OTHER. ON DECEMBER  
17 31ST, 2020, AFTER A TWO-WEEK BATTLE WITH COVID-19, CARLOS  
18 PASSED AWAY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SEVEN CHILDREN, AND 12  
19 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU. THAT WILL TAKE  
20 ALL OF OUR MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS  
21 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
22 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
25 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL

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1 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS1, CONFERENCE WITH  
2 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS2,  
3 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
4 POSTED AGENDA.

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## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 5, 2021

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**  
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section  
8 54956.9)

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10 Significant exposure to litigation (two cases). (20-2580)

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12 **No reportable action was taken.**

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15 **CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**  
16 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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18 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**